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# Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

## CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, EASTERN PROVINCE BRANCH.

AN ordinary meeting of this Branch was held in the Medical Library at Grahamstown on April 15th, at 8 p.m. Dr. E. G. DRU DRURY was in the chair, and there were present Dr. J. A. Lea, G. C. Purvis, G. Fitzgerald, C. E. Jones-Phillipson, C. F. Lillie, A. Cowper, J. Bruce-Bays, R. C. Mullins, R. T. Harrison, and Mr. Robertson, M.R.C.V.S.

*Apology for Non-attendance.*—An apology for absence was received from Dr. Grenfell.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the meeting held on February 18th were confirmed.

*Parliamentary Committee.*—The Parliamentary Committee held a meeting on March 2nd to discuss the resolutions carried by the Transvaal Medical Society *re* legislation under the Union.

Clause 1. That a Minister holding a portfolio of Public Health alone or together with another portfolio—for example, Education—be one of the responsible Ministers of the Crown under the Union Government.

Agreed to as read.

Clause 2. That a Principal Medical Officer of Health for South Africa be appointed, who shall be administrative head of his department under the responsible Minister.

Agreed to, with added rider that

This Principal Medical Officer shall confine himself entirely to the work of his department.

Clause 3. That upon all medical questions other than those referring to public health, the Government shall consult the President of the Colonial Medical Council.

Agreed to, with the omission of the words "the President of."

Clause 4. That the establishment, maintenance, and management of hospitals and similar institutions under the Privincial Councils be entrusted to a board which shall include an adequate representation of medical men.

This clause was finally agreed to in the form in which it appears in the minutes of the ordinary meeting of April 15th. The action of the Parliamentary Committee as to medical legislation in the Union was confirmed with the following rider:

That where boards exist for the management of hospitals a d similar institutions, such boards shall include an adequate representation of medical men.

*Anaesthesia for Dental Extraction.*—In answer to Dr. Pitman's inquiry at the annual meeting as to the advisability of a single practitioner administering chloroform in dental extraction, the Branch expressed the following opinion:

That when other medical assistance is available the administration of a general anaesthetic by a single practitioner is extremely inadvisable.

*Correspondence.*—A *précis* of the proceedings of the Colonial Medical Council was laid on the table. A copy of a letter from the Cape of Good Hope Western Province Branch to Mr. Smith Whitaker was read, and the action of that Branch confirmed and approved.

*Paper.*—Dr. JONES-PHILLIPSON read a paper entitled, The Accessory Sinuses of the Nose.

*Vote of Thanks.*—A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Jones-Phillipson for his paper.

*Honorary Members.*—Messrs. Robertson, M.R.C.V.S., and Albert and Cecil Collis, dentists, were unanimously elected honorary members for the ensuing year.

*Vote of Condolence.*—It was resolved that a vote of condolence should be conveyed to Dr. F. A. Saunders, sympathizing with him in his serious accident.

*Alteration of Rule.*—It was resolved that in future, subject to the confirmation thereof by the Central Council, Section V, Rule 12, shall read:

To transact special business that may be transacted at an ordinary meeting.

"special" replacing "any" in the old rule.

## EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:

### NORWICH DIVISION.

*Report of Executive Committee.*

THE Executive Committee reports that during the year 1909 there have been five meetings of the Division. The average attendance at the Divisional

meetings has been 17.8. The number of members who attended at least one meeting was 28. There have been nine meetings of the Executive Committee.

Considerable dissatisfaction having been expressed by members of the Division on the unsatisfactory state of the question of pauper lunatics, the Honorary Secretary was instructed to draw up a report on the question in all its bearings and send it to the Medical Secretary. This was accordingly done, and the report was duly considered by the Medico-Political Committee, which was of opinion that no further action could be taken by the Division in this matter.

The definition of the term "fresh contract practice" was also referred to the Medico-Political Committee. The Division was advised that this term as set forth in Rule XV of the Rules of the Division was ambiguous and should be amended. Accordingly on June 26th, 1909, after due notice had been given, the following addition to Rule XV was agreed to: "When transference of any form of contract practice takes place to a member of the Division from his former, present, or new partner, or partners, or from a practitioner to whose practice he succeeds, the acceptance of such contract practice by such member shall be deemed to be 'fresh contract practice' within the meaning of this Rule."

Other alterations to the Rules of the Division were agreed to at a meeting of the Division held on January 23rd, 1909, as follows:

That Rule XI, Subsection (*b* 2) be deleted.

That Rule VII be amended to read as follows: "The Representative of the Division in Representative Meetings of the Association shall be elected at the October meeting of the Division and in the manner prescribed in Article XXVII."

The foregoing alterations duly received the sanction of the Organization Committee of the British Medical Association.

On January 23rd, 1909, the following important resolution was passed:

> That in view of the resolution passed at a meeting of the Division on October 17th, 1908, the time has now come when every club held at a lower rate than the corresponding rate in the Medical Institute should be raised to, at least, that rate.

The members of the Division were notified accordingly, but considerable difficulty was met with in this matter, and on June 26th, 1909, a report on this subject was issued by the Executive Committee, and, as the result of this report, all the members of the Division holding clubs below Institute rates were, with three exceptions, able to state that they had been granted the requisite rise of rates by the clubs concerned. The three exceptions were members holding juvenile clubs under the management of the Rechabites, who refused the request of their medical officers.[1]

The Local Government Board, at the request of the Privy Council, having desired that information should be collected regarding unqualified medical practice in the United Kingdom, a report on The Practice of Medicine and Surgery by Unqualified Persons was issued by a special subcommittee of the Executive Committee, and was forwarded to the Local Government Board by the Medical Officer of Health for Norwich.

The following important resolution was passed by the Division at a meeting held on May 1st, 1909:

> This Division disapproves of the principle of the services of medical men, in their capacity of honorary medical officers to a charitable institution, being regularly availed of by public authorities.

The Committee regrets that, notwithstanding this resolution, Norwich school children, found by medical inspection to be defective, still continue to be treated at charitable institutions in the city.

The net membership of the Division on December 31st, 1909, was fifty.

*Statement of Accounts.*—The following is the statement of accounts for 1909:

[1] Since this date two of these three members have been granted the rise of rates asked for.

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance in hand from 1908 ... ... ... | 3 | 14 | 1 |
| Per Dr. Nicholson, 6s. Capitation Grant on 50 members (received March, 1910) | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | £18 | 14 | 1 |

| Expenditure. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Postage ... ... | 1 | 18 | 11 |
| Clerical Aid ... ... | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| Printing, etc.... ... | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Honorarium to Mr. Quinton ... ... | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Ledger ... ... ... | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Balance in hand ... | 5 | 17 | 2 |
| | £18 | 14 | 1 |

At the annual meeting of the Division for 1909 the Honorary Secretary was empowered to spend three guineas, to be taken out of the special fund mentioned in the statement of accounts, on a file and such necessaries as should be wanted for the proper preservation of the Divisional documents. This has been done accordingly, a file and a leather bag having been bought on behalf af the Division.

H. J. STARLING, *Honorary Secretary.*

## NORWICH PUBLIC MEDICAL SERVICE.

*Annual Report, 1909.*

The General Committee has pleasure in presenting the eighth annual report.

The acting staff has lost by resignation three members, Drs. Fielding, Phillips and Passmore.

During the past year the growth of the service has steadily increased, the number of new members admitted being 1,422.

The number of members leaving the service was unfortunately high—namely, 927, leaving a net increase of 495.

The Committee are aware that the withdrawals are large, and have prepared a tabulated list of reasons given.

*Members Struck off Books, 1909.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No reason given | 150 | Refuse to pay ... ... | 45 |
| Left city ... ... | 137 | Prefer another doctor | 38 |
| Benefit societies | 105 | Removed.. ... ... | 22 |
| Other clubs, etc. | 43 | Dissatisfied with doctor | 26 |
| Unable to pay ... | 131 | Pay privately ... ... | 16 |
| Arrears ... ... | 56 | Other causes ... ... | 18 |
| Out of work ... | 23 | | |
| Dead ... ... | 65 | | 927 |
| Refused by doctor | 52 | | |

It will be seen that the largest number, 150, give no reason; benefit societies account for 105; left city, 137; other clubs, 43; and unable to pay, 131.

There can be no doubt that the large number of unemployed in the city must retard the progress of the society. Arrears accounts for 56 points to the good work done by the collectors.

The Committee would desire the medical staff to make united and continuous effort to get suitable members to join the service.

The Committee gain desire to express their high appreciation of the valuable services of the Secretary (Mr. C. A. Cooper) and his staff.

| | 1908. £ s. d. | 1909. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Gross receipts for quarter ending | | |
| March ... ... ... ... | 263 14 2 | 296 16 1 |
| June... ... ... ... ... | 258 9 4 | 304 4 7 |
| September... ... ... ... | 269 0 9 | 307 14 8 |
| December ... ... ... ... | 281 13 2 | 338 10 2 |
| | £1,072 17 5 | £1,247 5 6 |
| Working expenses ... ... ... | 16.25 % | 15.75 % |
| Total number of members, December 31st ... ... ... | 5,503 | 5,998 |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Amount of weekly payments ... | 22 18 7 | 24 19 10 |

R. J. FOX,
Honorary Secretary.

*Statement of Account, January 1st to December 31st, 1909.*

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance at Bank ... | 296 | 1 | 3 |
| Members' Payments ... ... | 1,247 | 5 | 6 |
| Cards ... ... | 12 | 16 | 8 |
| Bank Interest ... | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| | £1,558 | 11 | 11 |

| Expenditure. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Medical Officers ... | 1,011 | 9 | 9 |
| Secretary ... ... | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Collectors ... ... | 144 | 12 | 0 |
| Stationery ... ... | 20 | 4 | 6 |
| Furniture ... ... | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Insurance ... ... | 1 | 15 | 3 |
| Cheque Book ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Postages ... ... | 1 | 6 | 11 |
| Auditor ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Balance at Bank | 338 | 12 | 6 |
| | £1,558 | 11 | 11 |

Of the balance, £338 12s. 6d., £277 4s. 3d. has since been paid to Medical Officers.

CHAS. H. ANDREWS, Honorary Treasurer.

I have examined the accounts of the "Norwich Public Medical Service" for the year 1909, and in my opinion the above statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct account of the transactions of the Society for that period, as shown by the various books and documents submitted to me.

A. C. POPE.

February 18th, 1910.

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## EDINBURGH BRANCH:

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Hall of the Royal College of Surgeons on Friday, June 10th, at 4 p.m. There were over thirty members present. Dr. MATHESON, Vice-President, was in the chair.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and signed.

*Apologies for Absence.*—Apologies for absence were received from Dr. James, President, and Dr. Carlyle Johnston.

*Report of Branch Council.*—The report of the Branch Council was read by the SENIOR SECRETARY. During the year the Branch Council has held seven meetings. At these meetings the attendance has been ten to fifteen out of a total membership of nineteen. Considerable time was spent over the consideration of the Draft Charter, and resolutions were submitted to the Branch for consideration. The proposed new hospital for women was discussed at a meeting on January 6th, and resolutions were drawn up and submitted to the Branch. During the year nineteen (19) new members had been elected by the Branch Council. Two cases of appointments which did not fulfil the conditions laid down by the Association had come before the Council during the year. The first was for a lady assistant medical officer to the School Board at an insufficient salary. The Warning Notice duly appeared in the JOURNAL. The candidates all withdrew their applications, and the Board raised the remuneration. The difficulty was thus satisfactorily settled through the influence of the Association and the united action of the candidates. The second was the appointment of an assistant medical officer of health for Midlothian, Linlithgow, and Peebles. The appointment has been made within the last day or two at a salary of £200. In this case efforts had been made to resist the appointment at that salary, but unsuccessfully.

*Proposed Paying Nursing Home.*—The JUNIOR SECRETARY made a short statement regarding the steps which had been taken in forwarding the establishment of the proposed paying nursing home. Subscriptions amounting to over £800 had been intimated by members of the profession, and it was expected that a considerable sum would yet be added. It was hoped that the public, now that the profession had shown in a marked way that the home was necessary, would, when an appeal was made to them, subscribe liberally, and make the home a success.

*Election of Office-bearers.*—Dr. MATHESON moved and Dr. WALKER seconded, that the nomination by the Council of the following gentlemen as office-bearers for the year be adopted. The motion was unanimously agreed to. *President*, William Russell, M.D.; *President-elect*, John R. Hamilton, M.D.; *Vice-Presidents*, A. A. Matheson, M.D., T. R. Ronaldson, M.D.; *Hon. Treasurer*, James Ritchie, M.D.; *Hon. Secretaries*, Michael Dewar, M.D., E. W. Scott Carmichael, F.R.C.S.E.

*Induction of President.*—Dr. WM. RUSSELL was then formally inducted as President, and in a few words expressed his thanks for the honour conferred on him.

*Votes of Thanks.*—The PRESIDENT proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President, alluding to his great attention to the presidential duties and his abundant hospitality at the Council meetings. The motion was adopted. The PRESIDENT also proposed a special vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary, Dr. Boyd, thanking him for the energetic way in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past years, and expressing the feeling of the members that his retiral was a great loss to the Branch. The motion was adopted, and Dr. BOYD replied.

*Capitation Grants.*—On the motion of Dr. DEWAR, the meeting instructed the Treasurer to pay to the Divisions included in the Branch the capitation grant of 1s., according to the returns of the Divisions.

*Combined Motor Meeting at Moffat.*—The SECRETARY drew attention to the proposed motor meeting to be held by the Border Counties and Edinburgh Branches at Moffat on July 8th. Two committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements—one for the country district, comprising Drs. Barrie, Hamilton, Somerville, Fleming, and Blair (convener); and one for the city: Drs. Simpson, Ballantyne (Dalkeith), the two Secretaries, and Veitch (convener).

*Special Representative Meeting.*—An informal conversation took place regarding the Special Representative Meeting *re* Charter, but, as no change had been made in the resolution of the Branch, no further instructions were considered necessary.

*The Proposals of the Poor Law Commission.*—Dr. DEWAR read a paper on the future prospects and position of the medical profession under the Poor Law Commission proposals and a public medical service, which will be published, and Drs. WALKER, KEPPIE PATERSON, JAMES RITCHIE, PORTER, and K. DOUGLAS joined in the discussion. Dr. K. PATERSON moved, and Dr. DOUGLAS seconded, that it be remitted to the Branch Council to watch future legislation on the subject and to call a meeting of the Branch whenever it is considered necessary.

*Vote of Thanks.*—A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

*Dinner.*—The members of the Branch, with Dr. RUSSELL in the chair, dined together in the Royal British Hotel, Princes Street, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

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## SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held in the Railway Hotel, St. Boswells, on Monday, June 13th.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The SECRETARY read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved.

*Annual Report.*—The SECRETARY also read the annual report, which was approved.

*Election of Office-bearers.*—The following were elected unanimously: *Chairman*, Dr. Oliver; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Calvert; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. John Jeffrey; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Luke, Cullen, Bannerman, Somerville, Young, and Carlyle-Johnston; *Representative of Division on Branch Council*, Dr. Cullen was unanimously elected; *Representative of Division at Annual Meeting*, Dr. Blair was unanimously elected Representative, and was given instructions as to the lines the members desired him to follow upon the various questions which would come under discussion. Several reports which had been received from the Secretary of the Association were then considered and discussed.

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## GIBRALTAR BRANCH.

A GENERAL meeting of this Branch was held at the Royal Naval Hospital, Gibraltar, on May 31st, at 5 p.m. Deputy Inspector-General F. J. LILLY, President, was in the chair, and there were present Dr. P. F. Lyons, Vice-President; Drs. Oman, Vasquez, Gill, Staff Surgeons B. D. Ramsay and W. B. Hall, Staff Surgeon Bolster of H.S.M. *Duke of Edinburgh*, and Surgeon Bradshaw of the *Formidable*, and Dr. L. D. Parsons (Honorary Secretary and Treasurer). After the members present had been kindly entertained to tea by the President, the business of the meeting began.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*Demonstration of Cases.*—Dr. PARSONS showed a case of a male who had a supernumerary nipple on the right side vertically below the normally present upper one.

*Visit to Hospital.*—A visit was made to the wards of the hospital, and several interesting cases seen. A

case of fractured patella, illustrated by *x*-ray photographs, was shown by Dr. Ramsay: A. J., 38, yeoman of signals, was admitted to the Royal Naval Hospital on April 13th, 1910, with a transverse fracture of his right patella caused by slipping on the signal bridge. On April 18th, under gas and ether, a flap was turned down over the patella, the knee-joint was cleaned of blood, the fragments perforated and brought together with a No. 5 silver wire. The result was very satisfactory; union occurred by first intention, but a small piece of the flap necrosed. On the day following the meeting (June 1st) the patient was able to walk up and down stairs without aid of sticks or crutches. Seven years ago this same patient had his left patella wired for a similar accident. The result in his left leg is good also. Dr. PARSONS exhibited and demonstrated several varieties of the Offord truss. Dr. GILL read notes of a case of cystic spleen, particulars of which are published at page 1545.

*Proposed Formation of Library.*—The SECRETARY intimated the proposal to form the nucleus of a library, and asked members to suggest the names of books.

*Amendment of Local Medical Ordinance.*—The desirability of amending the Local Medical Ordinance was discussed, and the SECRETARY read the previous correspondence on the subject.

*Votes of Thanks.*—Votes of thanks to the readers of papers and to the President for his hospitality brought the meeting to a close.

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## GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:

### GLASGOW CENTRAL DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held on Tuesday, 31st May, in the Faculty Hall, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow. Dr. ROBERT JARDINE presided.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. Robert Jardine; *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. J. Grant Andrew; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. P. N. Grant; *Representative to Representative Meeting*, Dr. John Adams; *Representatives to Branch Council*, Dr. Robert Jardine and Dr. P. N. Grant; *Executive Committee*, Dr. John Wright, Dr. John Paterson, Dr. W. D. Macfarlane, jun., Dr. W. S. Syme, Dr. A. N. McGregor, Dr. R. K. Currie.

*Work of the Division.*—The CHAIRMAN reviewed the work of the Division for the past year, and regretted the retiral of Dr. Robert Perry from the Executive Committee, the meetings of which he had attended so regularly.

*Financial Statement.*—The financial statement for the year was submitted by the HONORARY SECRETARY.

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### GLASGOW EASTERN DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held on May 25th, at the Glasgow District Mental Hospital, Woodilee, Lenzie. Dr. JOHN PATRICK, Chairman of the Division, presided, and the following members were present: Drs. Malcolm Black, Hamilton C. Marr, W. L. Muir, James Dunlop, James Craig, Miller Semple, William J. Logie, P. J. O'Hare, Joseph Green, William H. Brown, W. J. H. Sinclair, and William Bryce, Honorary Secretary.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

*Election of Officers.*—The office-bearers for 1910–11 were elected as follows: *Chairman*, Malcolm Black, M.D.; *Vice-Chairman*, W. J. H. Sinclair, M.B.; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, William Bryce, M.D.; *Representatives to Branch Council*, W. L. Muir, L.R.C.P., etc., and William Bryce, M.D.; *Executive Committee*, James Battersby, F.R.C.S.Eng., James Dunlop, M.B., John Patrick, M.B., Robert Scott, M.B., P. S. Buchanan, M.B., H. A. McLean, M.B., Miller Semple, M.B., R. McC. Service, M.D., and David Thomas, M.D.

*The Annual Meeting in London.*—Notices of motion for the annual meeting to be held in London were next considered. It was moved from the chair that the recommendations of the Executive Committee thereanent be accepted. This was carried unanimously, and the Representative instructed accordingly.

*Alteration of Articles of Association.*—The suggested alteration of Article of Association VIII as printed in the billet calling the meeting was then submitted, and received the hearty approval of all the members present, Dr. Muir being commissioned to bring it under the notice of the Annual Representative Meeting in whatever manner seemed to him most fit.

*Nomination of Representative on Central Council.*—It was moved by Dr. HAMILTON C. MARR, seconded by Dr. W. J. H. SINCLAIR, and unanimously agreed, that Dr. W. L. Muir be nominated by the Division for election as a member of Council by grouped Representatives.

*Demonstrations.*—Dr. HAMILTON C. MARR, the Medical Superintendent of Woodilee, gave a lantern demonstration to illustrate the modern ideas of the neurone, and the theories, including those of Flechsig, Campbell, and Shaw Bolton, regarding the exact sites of the mental centres. To illustrate the achromatic reticular structure of the neurone, several microscopic sections, prepared by the new method of Donaggio, were shown. In one of the wards of the hospital a number of cases of general paralysis were shown. The method of lumbar puncture was demonstrated, and the value of the examination of the cerebro-spinal fluid in making a diagnosis as to the presence or absence of general paralysis commented on. Dr. Marr showed several cases of syphilitic insanity which could not be distinguished by ordinary clinical examination from cases of general paralysis of the insane, but in which examination of the cerebro-spinal fluid showed the absence of a lymphocytosis. These cases had been treated by hypodermic injection of soamin—an arsenical preparation — and had benefited so greatly that in some cases the patients had been discharged as recovered, and had been at work for a period of six months. In other cases, not discharged, filthy and destructive habits had disappeared, to be replaced by outdoor work of a valuable nature. The intimate relationship of syphilis to general paralysis was discussed, and the varying views regarding general paralysis received notice. While Dr. Marr was of opinion that general paralysis was a parasyphilitic affection, he thought it only right to mention that the opinion of German observers, corroborated by actual investigations by Mackenzie and Browning of Glasgow, inclined to the view that general paralysis was due to a syphilitic condition of the nervous system, not amenable to ordinary antisyphilitic remedies, but capable of improvement or amelioration by the use of arsenic. With this end in view, an interesting treatment was in course of being adopted, whereby an arsenical preparation suggested by Ehrlich would be tried. Only one dose of this preparation was necessary, and the results would be available in the course of a few months.

*Tea and Vote of Thanks.*—The members present were entertained to tea by Dr. Marr, after which Dr. JOHN PATRICK in a very felicitous manner conveyed to Dr. Marr the acknowledgments of the company for his most interesting demonstration, his hospitality, and also for providing conveyance to and from the hospital.

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting, postponed from May, on account of the late King's death, was held on June 9th, 1909, at 6.30 p.m. in Stroud Hospital, the PRESIDENT in the chair, and thirty-nine members present.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*Election of Officers.*—Mr. T. S. ELLIS announced that the following officers were elected: *President*, W. W. Grosvenor, Gloucester; *Council*, G. W. Ancrum, C. Braine Hartnell, H. Bramwell, E. C. Carter, O. W. Clark, W. Cox, C. F. Cuthbert, T. S. Ellis, J. Howell, R. Kirkland, G. A. Peake, and J. G. Soutar; *Scrutineers*, G. W. Ancrum and T. S. Ellis; *Auditors*, E. Braine

Hartnell and G. A. Peake; *Ethical Committee*, W. R. Buckell, T. S. Ellis, O. H. Fowler, J. G. Soutar, and E. T. Wilson; *Secretary*, D. E. Finlay.

*Report of Council.*—The annual report of Council was taken as read, and passed.

*Special Representative Meeting.*—The SECRETARY read out and explained the amendments to be brought before the Special Representative Meeting on June 28th regarding changes in By-laws of the Association. It was proposed by Dr. A. B. DAVIES, seconded by Mr. ELLIS, and carried:

> That the Representatives should be instructed to support them and also the recommendations of the Central Council to Representative Meeting.

*Address.*—Dr. LEONARD WILLIAMS of London gave a very interesting and suggestive address on the Quickening Spirit.

*Vote of Thanks.*—A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Leonard Williams was proposed by the PRESIDENT, seconded by Dr. PRUEN, and carried.

*Dinner.*—After the meeting thirty-eight sat down to dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Stroud.

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## LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

### BLACKBURN DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, on June 14th. Dr. MOIR (Chairman) presided, and there were present: Drs. Ballantyne, Barr, Alcock, Bannister, Henry, Taylor, Keighley, Prebble, Butterfield, Burnham-Smith, and Greenwood.

*Election of Central Council.*—It was moved, seconded, and resolved:

> That the Blackburn Division hereby instructs its Representative, at the annual meeting in July, 1910, to vote for Dr. Garstang in the election of one member to the Central Council by the "grouped" Representatives from Lancashire and Cheshire.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved:

> That Dr. Greenwood, the Secretary of the Blackburn Division, be authorized to sign a nomination form for Dr. Garstang in the name of the Blackburn Division.

*Special Representative Meeting.*—The agenda for the Special Representative Meeting to be held in London on June 28th, which had been reprinted from the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, dated May 28th, was then considered. The objects and powers desired by the British Medical Association, which had been proposed as the best substitute resulting from the failure to obtain the grant of a Royal Charter, were considered. The meeting agreed with all the suggestions regarding the future powers and objects. It was then moved, seconded, and resolved:

> That the Representative, Dr. Prebble, be authorized to vote for the recommendation that the Council be instructed to take all necessary steps with a view to the formation of a new company under the title of "The British Medical Association," incorporated in the same manner as the existing company, but with a memorandum of association providing for all the objects which are detailed in Clause 2 of the draft Charter applied for by the Association.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved:

> That with reference to the mode of election of twelve members of the Council by the Representatives of constituencies, being such as shall be prescribed by the Representative Body, the Representative of the Blackburn Division, Dr. Prebble, use his own discretion as to voting, after hearing the discussion thereon.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved:

> That the Deputy Representative in Representative Meetings of the British Medical Association for 1910-11 be Dr. Greenwood.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved:

> That the next meeting of the Division be on Tuesday, June 21st, at 9 p.m., and that the following important matters be discussed:
> 1. Medical treatment of elementary school children; to be opened by Dr. Greenwood.
> 2. Reorganization of the State medical relief of the poor; to be opened by Dr. Heywood.
> 3. Voluntary medical charities; to be opened by Dr. Taylor.

### BLACKPOOL DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of this Division was held at Jenkinson's Café, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on June 16th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. FORBES (Chairman) presided, and there were present: Drs. Dora Bunting, Vera Foley, Rhodes, and Rees Jones.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the general meeting of May 30th were read and approved.

*Medical Practitioners and Midwives.*—Dr. DORA BUNTING read a short paper on "The Position of Medical Practitioners with regard to the Midwives Act, 1902." All the members present took part in the discussion which ensued, and it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that medical practitioners, when called in on the advice of registered midwives, should be paid by the local supervising authority, and not by the boards of guardians.

*Deputy Representative.*—Dr. FORBES proposed, and Dr. DORA BUNTING seconded, that the Honorary Secretary of the Division be appointed Deputy Representative at the Special Representative Meeting on June 28th. This was carried unanimously, four members voting.

*Special Representative Meeting.*—The agenda of the Special Representative Meeting (as contained in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, May 28th, 1910) was considered, and the Representative received instructions thereon.

*Annual Representative Meeting.*—The agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting (as contained in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, May 21st, 1910) was considered, and the Representative received instructions thereon.

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### ROCHDALE AND BURY DIVISIONS.

A JOINT meeting of the Bury and Rochdale Divisions was held in the Wellington Hotel, Rochdale, on Thursday, June 16th, Dr. MENZIES of Rochdale in the chair. There were also present: Dr. Brown of Bacup, Dr. Turnbull of Bury, Drs. Geddes and Taylor of Heywood, Drs. Anderson, Baldwin, Bateman, Carse, Harris, Lord, McMaster, Melvin, Walker, and Ward of Rochdale.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last two joint meetings were read and confirmed.

*Apology for Non-attendance.*—A letter of regret for non-attendance at the meeting was read from Dr. Thorp of Todmorden.

*Address by the Chairman.*—The CHAIRMAN thanked the members for electing him Chairman of the Rochdale Division, and then went over the different points with which the meeting would have to deal, and proposed they should be taken up first as in Article VI, page 286 of SUPPLEMENT.

*The Draft Articles.*—All were agreed upon these, except Subclause (1), Clause *c*, of Article X, which the meeting unanimously agreed should be deleted.

*By-laws.*—All the by-laws were agreed upon except the following: By-law 11, to which the meeting had a rider. By-law 20: Agreed unanimously upon the alternative form. By-law 41: Disagreed unanimously with the Cardiff Division amendment. By-law 56: Agreed unanimously upon the alternative form. Agreed upon the schedule.

*Annual Representative Meeting.*—The meeting then went over the motions for the Annual Representative Meeting, and instructed the Representative how to vote.

*Model Rules.*—There being no time to discuss the "model rules," it was carried unanimously:

> That a joint meeting of the Bury and Rochdale Divisions with the Bury and Rochdale medical societies be held about October 1st.

*Vote of Thanks.*—A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

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## METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

### ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.

THE annual meeting took place on June 14th at the Midland Grand Hotel.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*Increase in Membership.*—An increase of eight in the membership for the official year was reported.

*Election of Officers.*—The officers for the ensuing year were then elected.

*Address on Acne.*—An address on acne was given by Dr. W. GRIFFITH, M.R.C.P.Lond., Physician to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. A number of cases was shown, and some beautiful microscopic slides were exhibited. An unusually interesting discussion followed.

*Vote of Thanks.*—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Griffith.

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STRATFORD DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of this Division was held in the Board Room, West Ham Hospital, Stratford, E., on Thursday, June 16th, Mr. A. J. COUZENS, F.R.C.S., presiding.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

*Communications.*—Thereafter several communications received by the Honorary Secretary were read and considered.

*Treatment of School Children.*—The Division then discussed at length a resolution of the Branch Council requesting Divisions to co-ordinate arrangements through which school children can be treated by local registered medical practitioners, and ultimately it was proposed by Dr. BYGOTT, and seconded by Dr. ROSE:

> That a subcommittee be formed to investigate the conditions prevailing in the Division, and to formulate a scheme for the treatment of children found to be defective.

This was carried *nemine contradicente*, and the following committee was elected, with power to add to their number: Drs. Bygott, Sanders, Rose, Toland, Black, and Collins, and Nicoll (Honorary Secretary, *ex officio*).

*Organization Committee.*—A communication from the Organization Committee was read.

*Election of Officers.*—The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: *Chairman*, Dr. F. H. Dayus; *Vice-Chairman*, A. J. Couzens, F.R.C.S.; *Representative at Representative Meeting*, Dr. Percy Rose; *Representative on Branch Council*, Dr. E. Hay; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. P. J. S. Nicoll; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Beadles, Black, Bygott, Collins, Frederick, Randle, Taylor, and Toland.

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WALTHAMSTOW DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Division was held for the purpose of considering the recommendations of the Central Council regarding the result of application for a Charter, on Thursday, June 16th, at the Wesleyan Church Schoolroom, Leyton High Road, at 4 p.m. Dr. ROBERT JONES presided; six members were present.

*Instructions to Representative.*—It was proposed by Dr. PANTING, seconded by Dr. R. MACKENZIE:

> That this Division instruct its Representative to oppose Amendment 13, proposed by the Cardiff Division.

This was carried unanimously. It was proposed by Dr. ELDRED, seconded by Dr. C. J. HORNER:

> That this Division instruct its Representative to support Motion 19.

This was carried unanimously. The Representative was further instructed that the Division preferred the present form of By-law 20 to the alternative. In all other matters to be considered by the Special Representative Meeting the Representative of the Division was instructed to use his own discretion.

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MIDLAND BRANCH:

LEICESTER AND RUTLAND DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Division was held at the Leicester Infirmary on Wednesday, June 8th, 1910, at 4.15 p.m. In the absence of Dr. Stamford, who was unavoidably prevented from attending, Dr. A. V. CLARKE took the chair.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Arising therefrom, Dr. GIBBONS thanked the Division for its vote of thanks to him for his services as Honorary Secretary, and expressed his strong opinion of the great value of the Association to the medical profession.

*Proposed New Articles of Association.*—The remainder of the time of the meeting was occupied with the consideration of the proposed new Articles of Association and new By-laws. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved:

> That the Representative be instructed to attempt to secure a postal Referendum, to be obtained by a bare majority of the Council present and voting.
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> That he be instructed to oppose the Cardiff Division's amendment to By-law 41.
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> That the other Articles of Association and By-laws be generally approved.
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> That the Representative act as he thinks best on Motion 19.

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NATAL BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Natal Branch of the British Medical Association was held at the Medical Library, Durban, on April 29th, at 8 p.m., Dr. MURISON (President) in the chair. There were present Drs. Pearson, Freer, Nicol, Edwards, Howden, Hiram Menek, and Dr. Porter (Johannesburg).

*Apologies for Non-attendance.*—Letters of regret for absence were read from Drs. Murray Gray, McKenzie, Smythe, Pitchford, and Hill.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

*Transvaal Medical Society and State Medicine.*—The first resolution of the Transvaal Medical Society was accepted, substituting the words "State medicine" for "public health." Resolutions 2 and 3 were taken together. On the motion of Dr. PEARSON, seconded by Dr. FREER, it was agreed that:

> A South African Board of State Medicine should be formed, having the following constitution:
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> (*a*) A president, who shall be the Minister holding the portfolio of State Medicine in the Union Government.
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> (*b*) A medical officer who shall be designated Chief Health Officer for South Africa.
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> (*c*) A legal member nominated by Government, and who might be selected from the Attorney-General's department.
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> (*d*) A lay member to be nominated by Government who would be selected for his administrative experience and knowledge of public affairs. This member would be vice-president of the board.
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> (*e*) A permanent secretary to the Board of State Medicine.
>
> (*f*) A medical practitioner to be nominated by the Medical Council for South Africa, who would be designated the Surgeon-Superintendent.

Dr. Pearson commented upon the difference between the Natal scheme and the resolutions of the Transvaal Medical Society, and the reasons for this. He thought that both here and in the Cape there existed good reasons for viewing with apprehension the appointment of an uncontrolled Chief Health Officer. Dr. Freer spoke of the advantage of having medical matters other than those of public health managed by a man with knowledge of general practice. Dr. Murison said that any subject requiring the opinion, advice, or consideration of the South African Board of State Medicine would be relegated to either the Health Division or the Medical Division of the board. The vice-president and legal member would be the same on both divisions, but the chief health officer would be the medical member to the Health Division and the Surgeon-Superintendent would be the medical member to the Medical Division. In both cases the board's expressed opinion would only be formulated after it had been considered from the standpoint of a layman and a lawyer, together with that of a health expert in public health matters and of an experienced practitioner in matters of a general medical nature. The secretary of the board would formulate from their respective opinions the minute to be tendered to the Minister, who would issue over his signature any necessary or suitable orders or replies to corresponding town councils, etc. The official president would only very rarely, if ever, take part in the ordinary deliberations of the board. He explained

that the Chief Health Officer for South Africa would be the administrative head of a department dealing with all matters of public health and that the Surgeon Superintendent would be the administrative head of a department dealing with all general medical matters other than those of public health. At times the dividing line between public health and general medical matters is difficult to draw; in such cases the chairman would decide to which official the business should be referred, he would often obtain the opinions of both. Dr. PEARSON wished it to be understood that this scheme was on the lines of the Local Government Board of Scotland; he thought that this should be explained to the other colonies, as it would materially assist in advancing the views put forward by Natal. Dr. PEARSON moved, Dr. FREER seconded, that Resolution 4 of the Transvaal Medical Society be adopted, substituting the word "board" for "a board." This was agreed to. Dr. PEARSON moved, Dr. EDWARDS seconded:

That all medical appointments be adequately advertised in the public press.

Agreed to. Dr. PEARSON moved, Dr. NICOL seconded:

That it is desirable that a bill be introduced in the first session of the Union Parliament to establish a Board of State Medicine as outlined above to carry out public health administration throughout South Africa, to which shall be transferred all the necessary powers from the existing authorities.

The resolution was agreed to.

*Protest against Inclusion of South African Branches with Gibraltar, etc.*—On the motion of Drs. PEARSON and EDWARDS it was decided to instruct the Secretary to write protesting against the inclusion of the South African Branches with those of Gibraltar, Malta, etc., at the Representative Meeting.

*Representative at Annual Representative Meeting.*—On the motion of Drs. PEARSON and MURISON it was decided to instruct the Secretary to ask Dr. Dodd, of Ixopo to act as the Representative of the Branch at the Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association in England this year.

*Demonstration.*—Dr. EDWARDS brought a specimen of an enlarged thymus gland. The specimen was removed from a child 5 years old, who died shortly after the administration of chloroform. The child did not die under the anaesthetic, as the reflexes had been restored; it succumbed about ten minutes after. The gland weighed about 1½ oz. It was found to be pressing upon the superior vena cava, the pulmonary artery, and the right auricle. The child died from asphyxia. Dr. Edwards explained that there was no way in which the existence of the gland could have been detected during life. Some symptoms had, however, probably been produced, as the child had been under treatment several times for bronchitis and asthma, and he though that the symptoms were probably due to pressure at times when the gland was for some reason congested. The mother also reported that when giving the child a hot bath the child became livid and had attacks of dyspnoea. Dr. Edwards was thanked for the specimen, which will be added to the museum.

## PERTH BRANCH.

THE summer meeting was held at Moncrieffe Island Golf Club House on Friday, June 10th. The Council meeting took place at 3 p.m. Present: Dr. BRUCE (President), Drs. J. Hume, Burnett, Lyell, and Taylor.

*New Members.* — The following were admitted members of the Association and Branch: Dr. J. T. Graham, Dunalastair, Perth. Dr. Peter W. Shaw, 18, High Street, Blairgowrie.

The general meeting followed at 3.15. Present: Drs. Bruce, Lyell, J. Hume, Haig, Burnett, R. Stirling, Alcock, C. Stuart, and Taylor.

*Apologies for Absence.*—Apologies for absence were intimated from Drs. Paton and Trotter.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of previous meeting were read, approved, and signed.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, Dr. John Lyell (Perth; *Vice-President*, Dr. William Haig (Crieff); *Secretaries*, Dr. William A. Taylor and Dr. Alexander Trotter; *Treasurer*, Dr. J. Hume; *Representative*, Dr. William Haig; *Deputy Representative*, Dr. Alexander Trotter; *Council*, Drs. Kennedy, Moffett, Edwardes, Bruce, and R. Stirling.

*Instructions to Representative.*—After discussion on urgent matters referred to Divisions, it was agreed to leave the Representative member a free hand to represent the Branch to the best of his ability.

*Golf Match.*—Thereafter golfing members from Dundee arrived, and after tea in the club house, a golf match was played, with the following result:

| Perth. | | Dundee. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alcock | 0 | Robertson | 0 |
| C. Stuart | 1 | Craig | 0 |
| Burnett | 0 | Smith | 1 |
| Taylor | 0 | Templeman | 1 |
| Bruce | 0 | Tuach-Mackenzie | 1 |
| Haig | 0 | Anderson | 1 |

Dundee winning by 3 matches.

## SOUTHERN BRANCH:

### GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held in Gardner's Royal Hotel on May 26th, Major MYLES, R.A.M.C.(ret.), President, in the chair.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*Honorary Secretary's Report.*—Dr. J. F. CARRUTHERS, Honorary Secretary, made his report and financial statement for the year, which were unanimously approved and accepted.

*Election of Officers.*—Dr. M. H. Bulteel becomes *President* for the year, and Dr. C. d'A. Collings was unanimously declared *President-elect*; Dr. Carruthers was reappointed *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer;* Major Myles was elected *Representative on the Branch Council.*

*Vote of Thanks to Retiring President.*—A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the retiring President for his conduct of office in the past year.

*Dinner.*—At the dinner which followed thirty-six sat down, including the Bailiff and the Procureur du Roi of Guernsey, Lieutenant-Colonel Carr Ellison, D.A.A.G., five visiting members from the Jersey Division, and several private guests.

The Division has had a quiet but useful year, and commences the new year with the same membership —28, only three of the medical men practising in the island standing outside the ranks of the British Medical Association.

### ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held in Sandown on May 27th.

*Election of Officers.*—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President-elect*, Dr. McKenzie (Ryde); *Vice-President*, Dr. Mayo; *Two Representatives on Branch Council*, Drs. Turner and Mayo; *Representative of Division in Representative Meetings*, Dr. J. A. Gibson (Newport, I.W.); *Deputy Representative of Division in Representative Meetings*, Dr. Furniss Potter (St. Helens, I.W.).

*Special Representative Meeting.*—The question of the Special Representative Meeting for June 28th was also discussed. Dr. Hollis was given instructions thereon.

### SALISBURY DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held at the Infirmary, Salisbury, on Wednesday, May 18th, at 8 p.m. The meeting was preceded by dinner at the County Hotel. There were present at the meeting: Mr. C. ENSOR (Chairman), Messrs. Ord, Straton, Bardsley, March, A. W. Straton, Atkinson, Saunders, Luckham, Fison, Williams-Freeman, and J. E. Gordon (Honorary Secretary).

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*Election of Officers.*—The following officers were elected: *Chairman*, Mr. L. S. Luckham; *Vice-*

*Chairman*, Dr. J. W. Johnstone; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Mr. J. E. Gordon; *Representative in Representative Meetings of Association*, Mr. C. R. Straton. *Representatives of Division on Branch Council*, Mr. L. S. Luckham, Mr. J. O. March. *Executive Committee*, Dr. Blackmore, Dr. Kempe, Dr. Ord, Mr. Armitage, Mr. Willcox.

*Letter of Thanks.*—A letter was read from Mrs. Manning, thanking the Division for their letter of condolence. It was resolved that Mrs. Manning's letter be entered on the minutes.

*Parliamentary Representation of the Profession.*—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Chelsea Division, asking the Division to support and approve of a union of medical practitioners to promote direct parliamentary representation, and advocating the sending of a referendum to members in the United Kingdom on the subject. Mr. LUCKHAM moved, and the meeting unanimously resolved:

> That this Division approves of the principle of parliamentary representation by the medical profession, but thinks that this should be direct representation, as in the case of the universities.

*Secretary's Report and Financial Statement.*—The SECRETARY submitted the balance sheet and statement of accounts, showing balance in hand of £13 3s. 11½d. He also reported that two meetings had been held during the year, the average attendance of members being 15. Four committee meetings had been held.

*Fees for Medical Inspection of School Children.*—A letter was read from Dr. Williams-Freeman relating to fees to be paid by boards of guardians and similar authorities for treatment of cases arising in consequence of the medical inspection of school children. The scale suggested by Dr. Williams-Freeman was as follows:

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| Adenoids with anaesthetic ... ... | £2 |
| Tonsillotomy with anaesthetic ... | £2 |
| Tonsillotomy without anaesthetic ... | £1 |
| Refraction cases ... ... ... | £1 |
| Chronic middle otitis ... ... | £1 a half-year |
| Ringworm by Roentgen rays ... | £2 |

It was resolved that the Division approved the scale of fees mentioned, and, should occasion arise, would endeavour to secure adoption of similar rate of payment.

*Papers.*—Mr. ENSOR read a paper on Some Cases of Angioneurotic Oedema. The cases referred to occurred in several members of the same family, and were traced through several generations. Mr. Ensor was thanked for his most interesting paper, and a discussion followed in which several members took part. Mr. LUCKHAM read notes on a case of extra-uterine gestation with unusual symptoms. Mr. ATKINSON read notes and showed temperature charts of a case of a boy who had suffered from intermittent fever following the bite of a kitten; it had been ascertained that the kitten had previously been playing with a dead rat. The illness was of several months' duration. It was mentioned that a similar case of rat-bite fever had been reported by Dr. Horder, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and also by Sir A. Wright at St. Mary's Hospital.

*Demonstrations.*—Mr. STRATON showed a pathological specimen, a uterus affected with deciduoma malignum. Dr. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN showed a case, a youth aged 20, suffering from dermatitis herpetiformis.

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## SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH:

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.

*Annual Report of Committee.*

THE following is the report of the Committee; it is dated June, 1910:

The number of the members is 59, an increase of 5 during the year. There are only about half a dozen medical men practising in Bucks who do not belong to the British Medical Association.

Since the formation of the Division a year ago there have been five meetings, the attendance varying from 17 to 25—an average of 21. Scientific and professional discussions have been opened by Dr. Lauriston Shaw, Mr. William Turner, Dr. J. Shaw, and Dr. Hogarth, to whom the thanks of the members are tendered.

Other subjects to which the members have given their attention are: The medical inspection of school children, contract practice, ambulance lectures, the midwives question, guardians and payment of midwives' fees, and Poor Law reform.

At the last annual meeting the Division passed a resolution that steps should be taken to bring about a general acceptance of the sum of 5s. per annum as the minimum contract fee for adults. The Committee has taken no active steps in the matter, deeming it best to give ample time for the members to act on their own initiative. But the Committee thinks that the time has now arrived when it should, on the application of a member in any locality in the Division, take steps to secure the united action of the profession in the neighbourhood. It understands that in spite of the resolution passed a year ago there are places where fees of 4s. or less are still accepted, and it strongly urges that this should at once be terminated.

The question of treatment of school children is certain to come up sooner or later, and the Committee recommends that a Subcommittee be appointed to draw up a workable scheme so that this work can be done by the general practitioners at a remunerative rate.

A resolution was passed that if any further appointments were necessary to carry out the medical inspection of school children, the general practitioners should have an opportunity of doing the work. In spite of this the Bucks County Council have decided to appoint another whole-time officer, and the Committee regrets to note that medical members of the County Council supported this proposition. As the amount decided to be charged for each child was 2s. 6d., and as the Committee understands that this amount would lead to too great expense, it is recommended that this, in view of future possibilities, be reconsidered.

The amount received for the Entertainment Fund was £3 18s. A grant was made to our Representative to help defray his expenses at Belfast, and complimentary tickets were given to visitors at the annual dinner. There is a balance in hand of £1 12s. Several members have not contributed to this fund; it is hoped they will give their half-crown this year according to resolution passed by the Division.

Of the 59 members of the Division 36 have attended at least one meeting. It is much to be regretted that every member does not make an effort to put in an appearance at least once a year. The time of meeting has been fixed at an hour that provides every one an opportunity of coming. The railway time tables have been consulted, and some of those who seldom or never attend have the best train service. The Committee trusts that during the coming year they will be able to join actively in the work, as every year it is becoming more evident that medical men must take an active part in defending their interests.

The annual meeting this year will be held in London. Every member should try and attend, even if for only one day, as nothing gives a better insight into the useful work the Association is doing than attendance at an annual meeting.

*Balance Sheet.*—The following is the balance sheet:

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. | Expenditure. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Received from Treasurer of South Midland Branch ... | 6 | 0 | 0 | Stamps and postage | 1 | 16 | 8 |
| | | | | Stationery ... ... | 0 | 11 | 2 |
| | | | | Printing, etc. ... | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| | | | | Sundries ... ... | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| | | | | Balance ... ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | £6 | 0 | 0 | | £6 | 0 | 0 |

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### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting was held in the Board Room of the Northampton General Hospital on Tuesday, June 7th, at 2.30, after luncheon at Franklin's Restaurant. The following members were present: Drs. Maguire, Sedgwick, Cropley, Linnell, Evans, Chamberlain,

Milligan, Lloyd-Evans, Cobb, Digby-White, Terry, Grindon, Burt, Stewart, Hichens, Cooke, Wagstaffe. Dr. MAGUIRE took the chair, and then Dr. TERRY.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

*Secretary's Annual Report.*—The SECRETARY then presented the annual report of the Division for 1909. It stated that the number of members on December 31st, 1908, was 107; that six additions had been made (new members 3, through change of address 3), making an aggregate of 113, but that the Division had lost through change of address 2, through change of boundaries 15. The total deductions were 17, so that the membership on December 31st, 1909, was 96. The financial statement was as follows:

| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance in hand, December 31st, 1908 | 17 17 10 | Secretarial expenses | 5 10 6 |
| Grants received from Branch Council, at 1s. per head ... | 4 16 0 | Balance in hand, December 31st, 1909 ... | 17 3 4 |
| | £22 13 10 | | £22 13 10 |

The Division had held six meetings during the year; at five scientific or clinical matters were discussed, while at four medico-political or ethical matters received attention. Of social functions, six luncheons had been held, and the average attendance at the meetings amounted to 17⅔ members. The number of members who attended at least one meeting of the Division was 43; the Executive Committee had held one meeting. No matters of special local interest arose during the year. All the matters sent down from headquarters were discussed, and the Division was fortunate in having addresses by Dr. Thomas Wilson (Birmingham) on the operative treatment of uterine cancer, and by Professor Osler on the medical *versus* the surgical treatment of appendicitis, and also a clinical demonstration from him.

*Election of Officers.*—The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: *Chairman*, Dr. Terry; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Hichens; *Representative*, Dr. Baxter; *Deputy Representative*, Dr. Harries-Jones; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Hichens; *Division Representatives on Branch Council*, Drs. Digby-White, Greenfield, and Cooke; *Executive Committee*, Dr. Linnell, Darley, Grindon, Cropley, and Odgers; *Representatives on South Northants Nursing Club*, Drs. O'Rafferty and Darley.

*Address by Dr. Fairbairn.*—Dr. J. S. FAIRBAIRN, Assistant Obstetric Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital, then gave an interesting address on the treatment of eclampsia and allied diseases, which was discussed by Drs. Terry, Hichens, Grindon, Maguire, and Linnell.

*Vote of Thanks.*—Dr. MILLIGAN proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Dr. LINNELL, and carried with acclamation.

*Medical Representation in Parliament.*—The SECRETARY then read a communication from the Chelsea Division advocating the support by special subscription of two medical members of Parliament. The Division did not think that the idea was feasible and advised that the communication should be laid on the table.

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## SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE fortieth annual meeting of the Branch was held at the Newport and Monmouthshire Hospital on Thursday, June 9th, 1910, at 4 p.m. Dr. GARROD THOMAS was in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the President (Dr. J. Williams), and thirty-two other members were present. Expressions of regret at their absence were received from the following: The President, T. D. Griffiths, W. Sheen, Evan Jones, W. F. Brook, D. Arthur Davies.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and signed by the CHAIRMAN as correct.

*Report of Council.*

The report of the Council, having been previously sent to members, was taken as read and adopted. The following is the text:

Four meetings were held during the year, the spring meeting at Brecon having the good attendance of 46 members, the average attendance being 34. Last year the average attendance was 28.

The Council held six meetings, receiving at each a report from the Contract Practice Committee. The other work of the Council has been chiefly of a routine character. The average attendance was 12.

The financial position of the Branch is, owing to the diminished grant from the Central Council (2s., instead of 4s.), a matter that requires attention, and the Council have thought it necessary to apply to the Central Council for an extra grant, either to the Branch as a whole or those Divisions which at the present time are unable to meet their expenses.

*Representation on Central Council.*—Hitherto the Branch has returned two members to the Central Council; under the new scheme to come into force this year the South Wales Branch will, jointly with the North Wales and Mid-Wales and Shropshire Branches, elect one member. The voting papers will be issued from headquarters in a few days, and the Branch Council hope members will exercise their vote and fill up and return their papers.

Forty-five new members were elected during the year—an increase of 18 above the preceding year; 6 members were lost by death, 36 by change of residence, resignation, etc. The total membership at the end of the year is 553.

*Financial Statement.*—The TREASURER presented the following balance sheet for the year 1909, and moved its adoption:

| Receipts. | £ s. d. | Expenditure. | £ s. d. |
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| 1908.—December 31st —Balance ... | 78 0 7 | Grants to Divisions— Cardiff ... ... | 15 19 6 |
| 1909. — Capitation Grants received from Head Office | 57 2 0 | Monmouthshire ... | 14 5 9 |
| | | North Glamorgan | 10 16 0 |
| | | Swansea ... ... | 9 9 0 |
| | | South-West Wales | 9 11 3 |
| | | Secretarial Expenses— Printing, Postage, Clerical Aid, etc. | 29 18 6 |
| | | | 90 0 0 |
| | | Balance — December 31st, 1909 ... ... | 45 2 7 |
| | £135 2 7 | | £135 2 7 |

The adoption of the statement was seconded by Dr. NAUNTON MORGAN and carried.

*Report of Contract Practice Committee.* — Dr. MACLEAN (Honorary Secretary) read the Report of the Contract Practice Committee—an eloquent, luminous, and detailed review of its work during the year. Dr. W. G. THOMAS (Chairman of the Committee) moved the adoption of the report; this was seconded by Dr. GARROD THOMAS, supported by Dr. CRAWFURD TREASURE, and unanimously carried.

*Central Council.*—In the absence of the representatives on the Central Council their report was omitted.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were then, on the nomination of the Council, elected to office for the year 1910–11: *President-elect*, Cornelius Biddle; *Honorary Treasurer*, Thomas J. Webster (re-elected); *Honorary Secretaries*, Alfred Hanson and W. E. Thomas (re-elected).

*Installation of New President.*—The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Garrod Thomas), in the absence of the President, then introduced the new President, Dr. J. Glendinning, congratulating him on his election to the chair and wishing him a successful year of office. Dr. GLENDINNING expressed his very sincere thanks for the honour done him.

*Vote of Thanks to Ex-President.*—The PRESIDENT moved:

> This annual meeting of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch hears with regret of the indisposition of Mr. D. J. Williams (Ex-President), accords him a hearty vote of thanks for his excellent services in the chair during the past year, and hopes he may speedily be restored to health.

This was seconded by Dr. WEBSTER and unanimously carried.

*The late Dr. Fiddian.*—Dr. THOS. J. WEBSTER moved:

That a vote of condolence and sympathy be sent to the family of the late Dr. A. P. Fiddian, of Cardiff, an ex-President of the Branch.

This was carried *sub silentio*, all the members present rising.

*President's Address.*—The PRESIDENT then delivered his address, The Accumulation of the Insane in County and Borough Asylums. Dr. GARROD THOMAS then moved:

That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the President for his instructive and interesting address, which this meeting hopes he will see his way to publish.

This was seconded by Dr. C. BIDDLE, and being carried with acclamation, terminated the meeting.

*Annual Dinner.*—The President and seventeen members and friends were afterwards present at the annual dinner, which successfully wound up the proceedings of the day.

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CARDIFF DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Cardiff Division was held on May 27th.

*Election of Officers.*—The following appointments were made for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, J. Tatham Thompson, M.B.; *Vice-Chairman*, Ewen J. Maclean, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.S.Edin. *Representatives on the Branch Council*, J. Tatham Thompson, J. Powell, D. R. Paterson, W. B. Crawford Treasure, C. Milward, J. J. E. Biggs, and Charles Reidy; *Executive Committee*, F. W. G. Davies, E. Brierley, K. Mackenzie, and E. Tenison Collins; *Representatives on Branch Contract Practice Committee*, C. Milward, W. W. Leigh, and K. Mackenzie; *Representative of Division at Representative Meeting*, Ewen J. Maclean; *Secretaries*, Cyril Lewis, 27, Windsor Place, Cardiff; Owen L. Rhys, 22, St. Andrews Crescent, Cardiff.

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MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held at Newport on May 27th. Dr. O. E. B. MARSH was in the chair, and twenty-five members were present.

*Apology for Non-attendance.*—An apology was received from Dr. Howard Jones.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the meetings held on February 25th and March 18th were read and confirmed.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. A. G. LAWRENCE was unanimously elected Chairman, and, having taken the chair, thanked the meeting for the honour; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. H. C. Bevan; *Honorary Secretaries*, Drs. R. J. Coulter and S. Hamilton; *Representatives on Branch Council*, Drs. O. E. B. Marsh, W. F. Nelis, G. A. Brown, H. S. Elworthy, and W. Basset; *Executive Committee*, Drs. R. W. Haslett, R. A. Cowie, J. L. Thomas, and V. A. Crinks; *Representatives on Branch Contract Committee*, Drs. J. W. Mulligan, D. T. Richards, and W. J. Greer.

*Report of Executive Committee.*—The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

*Dates of Meetings.*—Meetings were arranged for the ensuing year at Chepstow on July 7th, at Abergavenny on September 30th, at Newport on November 25th, at Pontypool on February 24th, 1911, and at Newport on May 26th, 1911 (annual).

*Correspondence.*—A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Western Valleys Medical Association protesting against the proposed scheme of the Cwmtillery Workmen's Doctor's Fund for the payment of their medical officer by salary instead of by poundage, and it was reported that the Division had already taken action in the matter.

*Address by Dr. Mott.*—A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Eastern Valleys Medical Association inviting the members of the Division to be present at an address by Dr. Mott, on the Significance of Pain, at Pontypool on June 23rd.

*Vote of Thanks.*—A vote of thanks was passed to the directors of the Newport and Monmouthshire Hospital for allowing meetings of the Division to be held in their board room.

A special meeting of this Division was held at the Newport and Monmouthshire Hospital on June 10th. Dr. A. G. LAWRENCE (the Chairman) presided, and twelve members were present.

*Special Representative Meeting.*—The business of the Special Representative Meeting was considered, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:

That the Representative of the Division be instructed to support the proposals of the Central Council at the Special Representative Meeting, and be given power to act as may seem fit to him on matters of detail.

*Parliamentary Representation.*—The proposal of the Chelsea Division on this subject was discussed, and was considered desirable but impracticable.

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STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH:

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held in the Bell Library, General Hospital, Wolverhampton, on Friday, June 17th, Mr. CHOLMELEY in the Chair.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*Election of Officers.*—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. Malet; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Clendinnen; *Secretary*, Dr. Mactier; *Three Representatives on Branch Council*, Dr. Bailey, Mr. Cholmeley, and Mr. Deanesly; *Three Members of Executive of Division*, Dr. Badger, Mr. Cridland, and Dr. Somerset.

*Matters Referred to Division.*—The matters referred to the Divisions in the SUPPLEMENT of May 28th were discussed, and the Representative was instructed to use his own discretion in voting at the Special Representative Meeting on June 28th.

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ULSTER BRANCH.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE thirty-second annual meeting of the Branch was held in the Medical Institute, Belfast, on Thursday, June 2nd, at 4 p.m.; Dr. MOORHEAD (Cootehill), President, in the chair.

*Apologies for Non-attendance.*—Apologies were received from Drs. Calwell and Murray (Belfast).

*Annual Report.*—The annual report and statement of accounts of the Branch was presented and adopted on the motion of Mr. R. J. JOHNSTONE, seconded by Dr. AGNEW (Lurgan). It stated that the membership of the Branch now stood at 406, being the first time that it had exceeded 400. The accounts showed a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £40 11s. 1d. The Council wished to put on record the general satisfaction felt at the successful issue of the labours of those concerned in organizing the arrangements for the Belfast meeting of the Association in 1909, and renewed their congratulations to the President (Sir Wm. Whitla) and to those responsible.

*Election of Office-bearers.*—The following were then elected as office-bearers for the year 1910–11: *President*, Dr. Wm. Calwell; *Secretary*, Mr. R. J. Johnstone; *Treasurer*, Dr. J. S. Darling; *Country Representative on Irish Committee*, Dr. J. G. Cooke (Londonderry).

*Report of Council.*—The report of Council was read by the HONORARY SECRETARY (Dr. Cecil Shaw). It stated that two meetings had been held since the last general meeting, at which Drs. J. M'Ilroy (Belfast) and Catherine Boyd (Carnmoney) were elected members of the Association. The finances of the Branch had received careful consideration, and, owing to the reduction of the grant from the central authorities, the following resolution had been passed:

That the secretary of each Division furnish to the spring meeting of the Branch Council an estimate of the allowance per head required to meet the expenses of his Division, and that the Branch Council make their grant to the Division on this estimate.

*Myomectomy during Pregnancy.*—In a paper on this subject Sir JOHN BYERS gave an account of two cases in which he had removed fibroid tumours from pregnant uteri without interruption of gestation. In one

of the cases the tumour—which was the size of a fetal head at term—was removed at the beginning of what was the third month of pregnancy, while in the other patient, who was 41 years of age, the growth was as large as the closed fist, and was removed at the fifth month. While the main indications for myomectomy during pregnancy are pressure, impaction, and severe pain, Sir John Byers said various forms of degeneration—especially the red variety—might occur, and he had seen serious symptoms arise from the presence of a fibroid in an involuting uterus. The main risks of doing a myomectomy during pregnancy were (1) haemorrhage, which was to be avoided by incising in the middle line, by cutting within, and not into, the capsule of the tumour, and by the use of forceps, plugging, or by underpinning the bleeding parts by catgut; and (2) abortion, which might be prevented first by interfering with the uterus as little as possible beyond removing the growth, and by the exhibition of morphine before and after the operation.

*Streptococcic Throat.*—Sir JOHN BYERS gave an account of a sore throat which occurred in the case of a boy aged 6½ years in March last, when scarlatina was so prevalent in Belfast. It resembled a diphtheritic throat, except that clinically the exudation kept to the tonsils, and it was exactly like a scarlatina angina but there was no accompanying rash and no subsequent desquamation. Bacteriologically, the exudation was found to be due to the streptococcus, probably the *anginosus* variety. The child gradually got better, and no other member of the family was affected. Sir John Byers said the case was of interest as it might have been mistaken for scarlatina or diphtheria, which the clinical history and the bacteriological examination both disproved. Other cases of a similar nature had occurred, he understood, in some adults about the same time as the boy was ill and they were shown also to be due to the streptococcus. Criticisms of the paper were made by Drs. SIMPSON and DARLING.

*Midwives Act.*—Sir JOHN BYERS moved, and Mr. R. J. JOHNSTONE seconded, the following resolution:

> That in the opinion of the Ulster Branch the scope of the existing Midwives Act of 1902 with the amendments as now proposed should be extended so as to include Ireland.

Dr. SIMPSON proposed and Dr. FRAZER seconded an amendment:

> That the consideration of the matter be postponed till the next meeting of the Branch.

After some discussion, in which Drs. DEMPSEY, DARLING, ST. GEORGE, and CLEMENTS took part, the amendment was lost, and the motion was then carried unanimously.

*The Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.*—Dr. AGNEW read a paper on this subject. After sketching the rise and progress of the antituberculosis movement in Europe and America, and mentioning the repeated efforts of the Irish Local Government Board to arouse boards of guardians and sanitary authorities to interest themselves in the struggle, and to the necessity that existed in Ireland for extra and sustained exertions, owing to the unfortunate position occupied by this country in the mortality rates, he particularly drew attention to the great wave of enthusiasm that had spread over the island in consequence of the establishment of the Women's National Health Association, an organization originated by Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, the wife of the Lord Lieutenant, in the spring of 1907. Under the auspices of this association a tuberculosis exhibition was held in Dublin, which afterwards visited most of the provincial towns, where intense interest was excited in the movement. It was the determining factor in stimulating the people to a vigorous struggle to overcome the disease as well as an inducement to the Government to introduce special legislation to combat it. Members of the County Council's general council, attending on behalf of local authorities, a large and influential deputation from the medical and other professions, and the representatives of urban and rural authorities, and of voluntary associations, headed by the Countess of Aberdeen, as President of the newly-formed Women's Health Association, waited on the Lord-Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary, and pressed strongly upon them the necessity of dealing with the subject, and suggesting the lines upon which legislation should proceed. The points specially urged upon the Irish Government by these representative deputations were:

1. Compulsory notification of tuberculosis.
2. More stringent control over the milk and meat supplies.
3. The establishment of county sanatoriums, hospitals, and dispensaries for consumptive patients.
4. Medical inspection of schools and school children.

In response to this unanimous demand the Government introduced a bill which, after a good many vicissitudes, became an Act of Parliament under the name of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, which came into force on July 1st, 1909. The Act was divided into three parts. Part I deals with the notification of tuberculosis and the disinfection of premises and articles likely to retain the infection of tuberculosis, and only takes effect in the districts of such sanitary authorities as decide to adopt its provisions, subject to the approval of their county councils. Part II empowered the councils of counties and county boroughs to establish and manage hospitals, sanatoriums, and dispensaries for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis; and Part III contained various sanitary provisions intended to prevent the spread of tuberculous disease, and afforded facilities for public instruction on subjects relating to tuberculosis, and for improved supervision over the public meat and milk supplies. Provision was made for the appointment of bacteriologists by county councils, and power was given to make any duly qualified veterinary surgeon, approved by the sanitary authority, a sanitary officer under the Public Health Act (1878) for the purposes of Section 132 of that Act—that is, as an inspector of food and meat. In the original draft of the bill, as introduced into Parliament, the notification of tuberculosis was to be applicable to all Ireland without adoption, but political exigencies forced the Government to yield to a certain section who would make its adoption dependent on the approval of the county councils. The consequence of this limitation has been that it had only been partially adopted, and any beneficial results likely to accrue from the Act had become consequently much restricted. It was further left to the Local Government Board, after consultation with the Presidents of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in Ireland, to prescribe the forms and stages to which and the circumstances in which the provisions of the Act as to notification should apply. Considering the previously expressed opinions of the Local Government Board, it was believed by those who were leading the movement that this reservation was perfectly safe, and it was with considerable astonishment that it was found on promulgation of the Orders of the Local Government Board relating to notification that the restrictions placed upon notifiable disease were entirely illusory. By Section 2 of the Act only those forms of tuberculosis were made notifiable which, by reason of infective discharges, were liable to communicate the disease to other persons. This, of course, had been restricted to cases of tuberculosis of the lung, and entirely to those cases in which there was immediate risk of infection—that is to say, the patient must *habitually* sleep or work in the same room as some other person or persons not so suffering; or be employed or engaged in handling, preparing, or distributing milk, meat, or any other article of human food intended for sale to the public. Unless a patient *habitually* slept or worked in the same room as unaffected persons the case was not notifiable. If a husband and wife occupied the same room, and both were consumptive, neither case was notifiable. If only one was affected, the medical attendant must notify it. Similarly with two brothers or sisters, or any two sleeping or working together. Before a doctor was in a position to notify

a case he must satisfy himself that the patient was living under conditions in which he was exposing some other person who had not got consumption to the risk of catching it. If a patient who was living under conditions that made his case a notifiable one, came to a physician who, immediately on recognizing the case, advised the patient as to the risk to which he was exposing others, and the patient forthwith altered the conditions, the case ceased to be notifiable. As a matter of fact, only those cases which were in the last stage of consumption really complied with the conditions. A young girl who had been very ill for several months, but slept in a room by herself, became so ill during her last week that her mother put up another bed in the room, so as to be near her at night. The case thus became notifiable. A similar thing occurred with a young man, where his father, during the last days of his illness, slept in a room with him, so that the case only became notifiable a few days before his death; and yet this young man had been for three years expectorating profusely, but, acting on advice, had neither slept or been working with any one. Bacteriologists might be appointed by county councils, but there was not much probability of such being done except in the case of county boroughs. If such an officer was appointed, a medical practitioner who resided in any sanitary district within the county, and who was in doubt as to the diagnosis of a patient whom he thought to be consumptive, was permitted to send forward a specimen of sputum, *but only when the case was otherwise a notifiable one.* Tuberculous dispensaries might with profit be established not only in county boroughs but also in certain populous towns throughout the country; but the expenses of such had to be defrayed out of the general funds of the county, and there was very little prospect of a county council establishing a tuberculosis dispensary for the benefit of a small and limited area within the county and asking the general ratepayers of the county to defray the expenses thereof. An effort was made to give veterinary surgeons an official position under the Public Health Act, and this had been further secured by the issue of a new Order under the eleventh Section of that Act, creating a new sanitary office, that of Veterinary Inspector, who was given complete supervision of the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk-shops Order, an Order which was made under the Diseases of Animals Act, but being intended for public health purposes, was entrusted to the sanitary authorities. By this arrangement the medical officer of health was practically completely ousted from a position in which his services would have been highly advantageous. The supervision of the milk supply would have been carried out far more effectually had the Local Government Board definitely and clearly assigned the medical officer of health to his proper position, and given him the complete supervision of the dairies' order, as well as made him responsible for the proper discharge of his duties by the dairy inspector, who was nearly always the sanitary subofficer, at the same time making reasonable provision for the inspection of the cattle by a veterinary surgeon. They had just as much power to assign duties under the Order to the medical officer of health as to their newly-created sanitary officer, the veterinary inspector. The weak-kneed administration of the Public Health Acts was almost entirely responsible for the unenviable position occupied to-day by Ireland in regard to tuberculosis. Had these Acts been administered with as much activity in Ireland as in England or Scotland there would be a very different tale to unfold. The experience of the Vaccination Act showed that the Irish fell in with ideas of preventive legislation with as much docility as either the English or Scottish and a great deal more so. The condemnation of the miserable hovels in which the lower classes were forced to live would have only stimulated the sanitary authorities to take advantage of the facilities that were extended to them for erecting healthy labourers' dwellings and have thereby improved the whole atmosphere surrounding the lives of the working classes. Had the Notification Act been made compulsory as it was in England and in Scotland its provisions would have been accepted without a murmur. For years the entire press of this country had been using every opportunity to spread the gospel of preventive medicine, and all that was wanted was a little courage on the part of the responsible Government.

*Multilocular Ovarian Cyst.*—Dr. DEMPSEY exhibited a large multilocular ovarian cyst which he had removed ten days previously from an unmarried woman, the solid and liquid contents of which weighed 63 lb. The tumour had been present for nine years, and had attained an enormous size. The patient was progressing favourably.

*Ovarian Cyst with Twisted Pedicle.*—Dr. DEMPSEY also showed an interesting specimen of an ovarian cyst with twisted pedicle. The pedicle was twisted into a hard cord, the vessels were occluded, and it was on the point of becoming gangrenous; though surrounded by many adhesions. The vermiform appendix was attached to it, and was removed through the central incision. The cyst was about the size of a cricket ball, and its existence was made known to the patient some months previously by Dr. Dempsey, who, on account of its long pedicle and free mobility, recommended its removal. The patient did not consent until she had had five very severe attacks of pain and vomiting at intervals of some weeks. Each attack had evidently been due to further torsion. The last one was the most severe, and laid her up for more than a week. The case showed the necessity for early operation in cysts of the ovaries, especially if felt to be bobbing about on a long, slender pedicle.

*Tubal Abortion.*—Dr. DEMPSEY showed a Fallopian tube removed a few days before from a woman who gave a history of tubal abortion some months previously. The ampulla was considerably dilated, was adherent to the rectum, and contained grumous material. There was matting of the intestines around the tube, and small loculi after separating the adhesions seemed on the point of suppurating. Dr. Johnstone took charge of the specimen for microscopical examination.

*Bony Growth from Atlas.*—Professor SINCLAIR read notes of a case of bony growth arising from the arch of the atlas and obstructing the naso-pharynx in a girl of 16. The growth was attacked by the mouth with a special chisel after first splitting the velum palati, and was removed, the anterior arch of the atlas coming along with it. The patient recovered without any bad symptom, and the palate had healed.

*Specimens.*—Dr. JOHN CAMPBELL showed the following specimens:

1. A uterus removed by Wertheim's method for cancer of the cervix, showing the great advantage of this method over vaginal hysterectomy.
2. A uterus removed by vaginal hysterectomy on account of fibrosis uteri.
3. A uterus removed by vaginal hysterectomy, showing numerous small intramural fibroids and malignant adenoma of the endometrium.
4. A uterus removed by vaginal hysterectomy, on account of a fibrifying sarcoma of the cervix. There was also a cystic tumour containing old blood clot in the pouch of Douglas.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH:

### HEREFORD DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held on June 15th.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, J. Oswald Lane, M.D.; *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. Q. R. Darling; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Mr. Arthur Wood; *Representative*, Mr. Arthur Wood.

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### WORCESTER DIVISION.

THE annual meeting was held at the General Infirmary, Worcester, on Friday, June 10th, at 4.30 p.m. The following members were present: Drs. Bertram

Addenbrooke, T. Bates, jun., S. Wellesley Coombs, J. J. Cowan, A. O. Holbeche, Shirley Jones, C. Pollard, Mabyn Read, R. T. Slinger, J. Lionel Stretton, William C. Thompson, and H. Neville Crowe (Honorary Secretary). In the absence of the Chairman (Dr. George W. Crowe) the chair was taken by Dr. A. O. HOLBECHE.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

*Letter from Vice-Chairman.*—A letter was read from the Vice-Chairman (Dr. W. Moore, Stourport) regretting that he was unable to act as Chairman in the coming year. His decision was received with regret by the members present.

*Apologies for Non-attendance.* — Apologies for absence were received from Dr. George W. Crowe (Chairman), Drs. H. E. Dixey, S. L. Haynes, E. B. Ffennell, T. P. Gostling, S. Colen Legge, and E. S. Robinson.

*Election of Officers.*—The following officers were elected for the year 1910–11: *Chairman*, J. Lionel Stretton, Esq. (Kidderminster); *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. H. A. Watson (Worcester); *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. H. Neville Crowe (re-elected); *Representative of the Division at Representative Meetings*, Dr. H. Neville Crowe; *Representatives of Division on the Branch Council*, Drs. Bertram Addenbrooke, W. G. Bennett, C. H. East, H. O. Holbeche, Shirley Jones, A. H. Martin, Mabyn Read, and E. S. Robinson.

*Special Representative Meeting.*—The agenda of the Special Representative Meeting to be held on June 28th (SUPPLEMENT, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, May 28th) was considered and the Representative instructed thereon.

*Annual Representative Meeting.*—The provisional agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting (SUPPLEMENT, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, May 21st) was considered and the Representative instructed thereon.

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### YORKSHIRE BRANCH:

#### HARROGATE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held at the Hotel Majestic, Harrogate, on Thursday, May 26th, at 8.30 p.m., Dr. BAIN in the chair. There were also present: Drs. Grange, Black, Bowman, Crawford Watson, Solly, Green, Johnston, Edgecombe, David Brown, Durward Brown, Ray, Mantle, Pringle, Nimmo Watson, Wilson, Bertram Watson, Boyd, Nixon, and Gibson. Drs. Mair, Ryan, and Appleby, and Mr. Buckland attended the meeting as visitors.

*Confirmation of Minutes.*—The minutes were read and confirmed.

*Election of Officers.*—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. Crawford Watson; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. D'Oyley Grange; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Gibson; *Representative for Representative Meetings*, Dr. Gibson; *Representative for Branch Meetings*, Dr. Solly; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Chamberlain, Collier, Daggett, Garrad, Holroyd, Lever, Mackay, Rutherford, Solly, Crawford Watson, and Bertram Watson.

*Poor Law Reform.*—The questions with regard to the Poor Law were considered. The report on the relation of homoeopaths was discussed, and replies prepared.

*Medical Inspection of School Children.*—The medical inspection of school children was referred to the Committee.

*Instruction in First Aid.*—A discussion took place with regard to instruction in first aid field nursing to voluntary aid detachments, and it was proposed that ambulance work should be treated as a matter of business and not philanthropy, such work having been previously gratuitous.

*The Charter.*—It was moved that the Royal Charter be considered and reported on by the Committee.

*Dinner.*—Fifteen members and friends dined together previous to the meeting, at 7 p.m.

# British Medical Association.

*SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, LONDON, JULY 22nd–29th, 1910.*

## THE SECTIONS.

THE scientific business of the meeting will be conducted in twenty-one Sections, which will meet on Wednesday, July 27th, Thursday, July 28th, and Friday, July 29th.

The following additional information has been received between June 16th and 21st.

### ANAESTHETICS.

*President:* FREDERIC WILLIAM HEWITT, M.V.O., M.D., London.

*Vice-Presidents:* DONALD C. A. MCALLUM, Edinburgh; GEORGE ROWELL, F.R.C.S., London; ALEXANDER WILSON, F.R.C.S., Manchester.

*Honorary Secretaries:* Miss ADA M. BROWNE, L.S.A., 64, Belsize Park, N.W.; WILLIAM JOSEPH MCCARDIE, M.B., 89, Cornwall Street, Birmingham; HERBERT J. SCHARLIEB, C.M.G., M.D., 49, Wimpole Street, W.

Thursday, July 28th.—11 a.m., Discussion on The Prevention and Treatment of Surgical Shock during Inhalation Anaesthesia. To be opened by Dr. Crile, and Messrs. G. Rowell, Lockhart Mummery, and J. D. Malcolm; followed by Professor Leonard Hill, F.R.S., Messrs. H. J. Paterson, Bellamy Gardner, and Dr. Stuart V. Stock.

The following is a synopsis of Dr. CRILE'S opening paper:

The tearing, crushing type of trauma and the exposure to the air are particularly shock-producing, and are, to a large degree, under technical control. A knowledge of the comparative shock-value of the various tissues often permits the shifting of the burden of trauma to the more nearly neutral tissues. Whenever possible, the large nerve trunks should be blocked by an intraneural injection of cocaine prior to operation upon them or upon the fields they supply. The loss of blood is an active predisposing cause of shock. Rapid division of large masses of tissue, especially if attended by massive trauma of the wound—for example, the quick and rough hip-joint amputation—under certain circumstances causes more shock than when done in less haste, in a more orderly manner and with lighter touch. If available, mechanical pressure, evenly applied upon the extremities and the abdomen, is a valuable aid to the maintenance of the circulation of the head and chest. In desperate cases a direct transfusion of blood is an efficient method of preventing the failure of the circulation. There is apparently less shock in operations under nitrous oxide anaesthesia than under ether, and the combination, under certain circumstances, of general and of local anaesthesia is the least shock-producing.

### GYNAECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS.

*President:* Mrs. MARY A. D. SCHARLIEB, M.D., London.

*Vice-Presidents:* JOHN W. BALLANTYNE, M.D., Edinburgh; COMYNS BERKELEY, M.B., London; Professor JOHN A. C. KYNOCH, M.B., Dundee; THOMAS WILSON, M.D., Birmingham; THOMAS H. WILSON, F.R.C.P.I., Dublin.

*Honorary Secretaries:* W. BLAIR BELL, M.D., 7, Rodney Street, Liverpool; JOHN PRESCOTT HEDLEY, M.B., 11, John Street, Berkeley Square, W.; CARLTON OLDFIELD, M.D., 32, Park Square, Leeds.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 27th.—Discussion on Dysmenorrhoea, its Causes and Treatment. To be opened by

Dr. G. E. Herman, followed by Drs. W. E. Fothergill, Inglis Parsons, Curtis Webb, and others.

Papers:

DÖDERLEIN, Professor D. (Munich). Die Entstehung und Verhütung des Puerperalfiebers. Discussed by Dr. A. G. R. Foulerton and others.
CAMPBELL, Dr. John (Belfast). Air Embolism during Labour.
MUNRO KERR, Dr. J. M. (Glasgow). Additional Cases of Rupture of the Uterus.
YOUNG, Dr. James (Edinburgh). The Structure of the Stroma of the Uterine Mucous Membrane and its Bearing on the Menstrual Changes.

Thursday, July 28th.—Discussion on the Treatment of Fibromyomata Complicating Pregnancy. To be introduced by Dr. W. W. H. Tate, followed by Mr. Stanmore Bishop, Drs. A. J. Wallace, J. H. Willett, and others.

Papers:

LOCKYER, Dr. Cuthbert (London). Some Cases of Pregnancy Complicated by Fibromyoma Uteri.
GOTTSCHALK, Professor S. (Berlin). Two Cases of Occlusion of the Bowels by the Retroverted Uterus.
LEITCH, Dr. Archibald (Dundee). The Pathological Basis of Operations on Cancer of the Uterus.
IVENS, Dr. Frances (Liverpool). Localized Necrosis in an Adenomyomatous Right Tube associated with Left Tubal Mole.

Friday, July 29th.—Papers:

NAGEL, Professor W. (Berlin). The Operative Treatment of Uterine Fibroids.
HERFF, Professor Von (Basle). The Causal Treatment of Dystocia in cases of Pelvic Contraction.
McILROY, Dr. A. Louise (Glasgow). The Surgical Treatment of Fibrosis of the Uterus.
WALLACE, Dr. A. J. (Liverpool). Intraperitoneal Haemorrhage in Cases of Fibromyoma Uteri.
LONGRIDGE, Dr. C. Nepean (Cheltenham). The Involution of the Puerperal Uterus.

It has been arranged for a section of the Pathological Museum to be specially set aside for the exhibition of specimens, microscopic slides, photographs, etc., relating to Adenomyoma of the Uterus. The Committee will also be glad to receive other specimens of interest.

## PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS.

*President:* Professor ARTHUR ROBERTSON CUSHNY, M.D., F.R.S., London.

*Vice-Presidents:* EDMUND H. COLBECK, M.D., London; ROBERT HUTCHISON, M.D., London.

*Honorary Secretaries:* ARTHUR FREDERICK HERTZ, M.D., 1, Weymouth Street, Portland Place, W.; DOUGLAS CHALMERS WATSON, M.D., 22, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh.

The programme, as at present arranged, is as follows:

Wednesday, July 27th.—Discussion on Treatment with Lactic Acid Organisms. To be opened by Drs. O. F. F. Grünbaum, R. Tanner Hewlett, Alexander Bryce and Vaughan Harley; followed by Drs. Saundby, Willcox, T. D. Luke, Craven Moore, George Herschell, and others.

Thursday, July 28th.—Discussion on the Effect of Digitalis on the Human Heart. To be opened by Professor Wenckebach of Gröningen, Dr. James Mackenzie, Dr. Thomas Lewis, and Dr. H. H. Turnbull; followed by Professor Huchard (Paris), Sir Lauder Brunton, Professor Faust (Würzburg), Drs. Windle, Gossage, and others.

The following are synopses of the papers by Dr. T. Lewis and Dr. H. H. Turnbull:

(*a*) Dr. T. LEWIS: Auricular fibrillation and the action of digitalis as it is observed clinically. A brief outline of fibrillation as it is met with in man and as it is seen experimentally. The known methods of slowing the action of the ventricle while the auricle is fibrillating. The action of the vagus and of damage to the auriculo-ventricular bundle. Complete section and the production of haemoglobin by asphyxia. Digitalis slowing in cases of auricular fibrillation. Frequency of occurrence. Type of case in which it occurs. The known action of digitalis in producing heart-block. Slowing with retention of irregularity. Slowing with return of pulse to a regular rhythm.

(*b*) Dr. H. H. TURNBULL: The results of the study of the therapeutic action of digitalis on a number of different types of case will be recorded. In this investigation special attention was paid to the dose of the tincture of digitalis necessary to produce the full physiological effect, to the character of the effects produced, and to the varying reactions shown by different forms of cardiac disease under the influence of full doses of the drug.

Papers:

MEYER, Professor Hans (Vienna). Lime Salts.
UNNA, Professor P. G. (Hamburg). The Chemistry of Chrysarobin and its Effect upon the Skin.

Other papers from Dr. Fortescue-Brickdale, Dr. Crichton Miller, Professor Dixon, Dr. H. H. Dale, Professor Faust, and Dr. Ninian Bruce, have been accepted.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

*President:* Professor WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, M.D., Dublin.

*Vice-Presidents:* JOHN SCOTT HALDANE, M.D., F.R.S., Oxford; Professor PERCY THEODORE HERRING, M.D., St. Andrews, N.B.

*Honorary Secretaries:* T. GRAHAM BROWN, M.B., Physiological Department, University, Glasgow; J. STRICKLAND GOODALL, M.B., Physiological Laboratory, Middlesex Hospital, W.

The following programme has up to now been arranged:

Wednesday, July 27th.—Opening remarks by the President, Professor W. H. Thompson. Discussion on the Food Requirements of Man for Sustenance and Work. To be opened by Lieutenant-Colonel Melville, R.A.M.C.; followed by Professor J. G. Hopkins, Professor Haldane, Dr. M. S. Pembrey, Dr. Robert Hutchison, Dr. Chalmers Watson, and others.

Thursday, July 28th.—Discussion on the Factors that make for an Efficient Circulation. To be opened by Professor E. A. Schäfer; followed by Messrs. Geo. Oliver, M. S. Pembrey, J. Mackenzie, Professor Starling, Dr. Hill, Professor McWilliam, and Dr. Ivy Mackenzie.

The following is an abstract of Professor E. A. SCHÄFER's paper:—

In considering the factors which make for an efficient circulation our attention is naturally directed in the first instance to the heart and blood-vessels since the efficiency of the circulation depends immediately upon the conditions of these organs. But as their condition depends in large measure upon the condition of the nervous system and this upon the state of nutrition of the body and upon other circumstances which are at present imperfectly understood, the subject which is put down for discussion is wider than might at first sight appear. I propose, however, in the meantime to restrict my remarks to the circumstances which more immediately affect the circulatory mechanism under normal conditions. The effective action of the heart varies (1) with its rate of rhythm, (2) with the force of the individual beats, (3) with its condition of tone. All these conditions are influenced through the cardiac nerves, by the nervous system. By way of the vagi, influences pass which moderate the rate, diminish the force, and lower the tone; by way of the sympathetic, others which make the rate of contraction more frequent and the individual beats more powerful, and which increase the tone of its musculature. The proper balance of these opposite effects, in accordance with the variations in the work which the heart at any given time is called upon to perform, must be looked upon as one of the most important factors in the maintenance of the efficiency of the circulation. The influences which reach the heart by way of the central nervous system do not originate in the cardio-inhibitory and cardio-accelerator centres. These are themselves excited to

action by impulses which come to them from the periphery, or from higher nerve centres, the ultimate source of excitation being in the latter case also, probably, peripheral. These impulses come from all parts: from the skin and other sense organs, from the viscera, from muscles and tendons and serous membranes, from the blood vessels, and even from the heart itself; they may or may not be accompanied by conscious sensation. According to the manner in which they affect the heart-regulating centres, the cardiac contractions are caused to vary so as to promote under the given conditions the efficiency of the circulation to the best advantage. The action of the heart is also affected by the condition of the respiratory system, along with which may be included the tone of the abdominal muscular wall. The importance of this as a factor in the maintenance of the circulation was shown by the experiments of Dr. Leonard Hill and his co-workers. The respiratory apparatus acts by facilitating the flow of blood to the thorax, and thus to the heart. Within limits the greater the rate of blood flow to the heart the more efficient will be the circulation, for the heart is a machine which reacts to the amount of work thrown upon it in the same way that a gas engine, by more frequent explosions of its gases, produces a greater amount of energy in proportion to the resistance which it has to overcome. But in the case of the heart the response to increase of resistance does not take the form of increased rate of rhythm; the rate of rhythm tends, indeed, rather to diminish with increase of arterial pressure. This is a regulating effect produced through the vagi. On the other hand, increase of pressure up to a certain point within the coronary arteries is a direct excitant to cardiac activity. An isolated mammalian heart which has ceased to beat spontaneously may be started again by introducing fluid under pressure into the coronary system. Such fluid need not be of a nutrient character for this result to be manifested, since it will show itself even if liquid paraffin be injected into the coronary vessels; although, for the continuance of the contractions, a saline oxygenated fluid is essential. The condition of the blood vessels, and especially of the arteries, is scarcely, if at all, second in importance to that of the heart. Disregarding the slow rhythmic contractions which the vessels occasionally exhibit, and which may to a slight extent aid in the promotion of the blood flow, a condition of tonic contraction of the vessels is essential to the maintenance of the circulation. With all the vessels fully dilated the blood becomes contained in a system of flaccid tubes quite incapable of passing it on to the heart. The tonic contraction of the vessels adapts the vascular system to the amount of blood it contains, and by exercising pressure upon it, forces it forward, the direction being determined by the fact that the greatest amount of contraction and pressure is on the arterial side and the least on the venous, as well as by the presence of valves at the commencement of the arterial system and in the veins. When we inquire into the measures by which this tonic contraction of the vessels is maintained, we again find an obvious answer to our inquiry in the nervous arrangements connected with the vascular system. The vessels, and especially the arterioles, are provided with two sets of nerve fibres, operating from a double set of nerve centres, the activities of which balance one another. The one set sends out impulses which increase the contraction of the musculature, the other set impulses which diminish it; these are the vaso-constrictors and vaso-dilators respectively. Their origin and path are for the most part different. The vaso-constrictors follow the ordinary course taken by motor nerves, except that they are distributed through the sympathetic; whereas most of the vaso dilators, as Dr. Bayliss has demonstrated, follow the course of the afferent nerve fibres and have their origin or distribution along with these, or may even be identical with them. Through these nerves the tone of the blood vessels and thus the efficiency of the circulation is maintained by the nervous system. The impulses which start from the nerve centres to produce vaso-constriction or vaso-dilatation originate, as in the case of these which affect the heart, mainly from the periphery—from the skin and other sense organs, viscera, muscles, heart, and even from the blood vessels themselves. The impulses therefore act in a reflex manner, causing either general or local effects according to the nature and situation of the part where they originate and of the particular afferent nerve terminations which are set in activity. But as in the case of the heart the several effects may also be produced by the action of higher centres upon the centres of origin of the vasomotor fibres. In these various ways a balance is maintained in the vascular system, whereby at a given time, and for a given set of conditions, the general or local blood pressure and the efficiency of the circulatory mechanism are normally regulated. Not very long ago the above would have been all that could have been postulated regarding the means by which the circulation is maintained in its efficiency. The work of Bernard and of Ludwig about the middle of the last century and the innumerable researches which were set in activity by their discoveries, established beyond a doubt the important relations which subsist between the vascular and nervous systems, and especially the control which the nervous system exercises over the musculature of the heart and arteries. Certain facts were, however, not easily explained by this, such, for example, as the retention or recovery of some amount of tone after complete severance of parts of the vascular system from the central nervous system; although an attempt was made to explain these phenomena by the assumption of peripheral ganglia acting as reflex centres. Although it is not impossible that such centres may exist it is no longer necessary to assume their existence, since the phenomena they were required to account for may now be otherwise explained. For we know that certain glandular organs—which not long ago were regarded as of little importance and as to the functions of which nothing had been ascertained—yield on extraction materials which when introduced into the blood markedly influence both the rhythm and tone of the heart and the contraction of the blood vessels. Those which produce the greatest effect of this nature are the medulla of the suprarenal capsules and the posterior lobe of the pituitary body. The action is not entirely similar in the two cases, for while an extract of suprarenal medulla increases both the rate of rhythm and the tone of cardiac muscle, and strongly stimulates to contraction the muscular tissue of the blood vessels (with the exception of those of the heart, and perhaps also of the lungs), an extract of the pituitary body, whilst markedly raising the tone of the cardiac muscle, does not increase its rate of rhythm, but may even diminish it, and while producing constriction of nearly all the arterioles in the body, tends to produce dilatation of those of the kidney, associated with an increased secretion of urine. Although it has not yet been possible to prove in the case of the pituitary body that the substances which cause these effects are passed into the blood, and are thus normally brought to bear upon those tissues which are affected when the extracts are artificially introduced into the blood stream, such passage into the blood has been definitely proved to occur in the case of the suprarenal capsules. The blood flowing from these can, in fact, be shown to contain a larger amount of the pressor substance of the extract than ordinary blood. We are probably justified in concluding that a similar passage into the blood, either directly or indirectly (through lymph channels or by the cerebro-spinal fluid), occurs in the case of the pituitary body also. In both cases it is probable that the substances secreted exercise a material influence upon the circulatory system; this is, indeed, evidenced in the case of the suprarenals by the weakness of the heart and the low blood pressure which follow their destruction by disease or their experimental removal. And the fact that experimental removal of the pituitary body is equally fatal with that of the supra-

renal capsules points to the supreme importance to the organism of the substances which are produced by it, the most active of these substances being those which affect the circulatory system. The pituitary contains also a depressor substance which diminishes the force of the heart and inhibits the contraction of the arterioles, but the action of this is usually far overbalanced in the artificial extract by the material which produces the opposite effects. It is, however, possible that naturally the two substances may be passed into the blood in such proportions as the requirements of the vascular system and of the organism in general appear to indicate. If this is the case there would be a balancing action caused by the materials of the secretion comparable to that caused by the nerves which influence the contraction of the vascular musculature. It must further not be forgotten that a direct action upon the heart and blood vessels of hormones produced by these organs—perhaps also by other ductless glands—only represents a portion of their influence in increasing the efficiency of the circulation. It is probable that they also assist the nervous factors by their beneficial action upon the nerve centres themselves. In the instance of the pituitary body at least there appears to be evidence, mainly of a clinical character, that its extracts exert a tonic effect upon the nervous system in general. Such an effect is manifest in cases of shock, and may under normal circumstances be presumed to assist in maintaining condition of tonus of the nerve centres, which is essential to the performance of their functions, not the least important of which is, as we have seen, their action in maintaining the proper balance of the circulation. In the above remarks I have dealt only, as I proposed at the start, with the circulation under normal conditions, and with such factors alone as are more strictly concerned with the vascular mechanism. I have not attempted to deal with the manner in which the circulation is affected by varying conditions of the blood, by variations in the general nutrition of the body, by drugs, or under abnormal conditions of the heart and vessels. I am content to leave the consideration of these to succeeding speakers, who will be better able than myself to discuss them satisfactorily.

Friday, July 29th.—Paper: Dr. Edridge-Green, Some Visual Phenomena connected with the Yellow Spot. Dr. Edridge-Green will also demonstrate his lamp for testing colour vision.

Demonstrations will be given by Professor Haldane on the Causes of Absorption by the Lungs in Animals and Man, and Dr. C. G. Douglas on the Production of Cheyne-Stokes Breathing.

[DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

The discussion on the diagnosis and treatment of infections of the urinary tract by the *Bacillus coli*, in the Section of Diseases of Children, will be opened by Dr. C. R. Box, in place of Dr. John Thomson, who is prevented from being present.]

### COMMITTEE FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Should any of the members of the Central Council or Representatives of Divisions have not received a copy of the arrangements made by the Metropolitan Counties Branch through this Committee for their entertainment during the week-end, July 23rd to 25th, issued last week to those whose names and addresses were known, they are requested to apply in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Committee, Dr. E. Rowland Fothergill, 429, Strand, W.C. As it is impossible to guarantee hotel accommodation at the end of July, it is most desirable that a reply to this circular should be received at the latest by June 29th.

### RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

A form for the use of members who propose to attend the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association in London next month will be found at p. 9 of the advertisements. If the form is filled up and returned to the address shown, a voucher or vouchers will be issued from the central office, giving the right to the special terms which have been arranged with the railway companies. A return ticket will be issued at a single fare and a quarter, and these tickets are available from July 21st to August 2nd, both dates inclusive.

### LIST OF HOTELS AND LODGINGS.

A list of hotels and lodgings, with a scale of charges, was published in the SUPPLEMENT of June 18th, p. 406. Members are requested to communicate direct with the persons whose names are given in the list, or with the managers of the hotels mentioned. The early receipt of the form stating the intention to be present will greatly facilitate the work of the local committee, so hat sufficient entertainment may be provided for the arge number of members expected to attend.

### GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The agenda paper of the Annual Representative Meeting, so far as it could then be settled, was published in the SUPPLEMENT for May 21st, while the programme of the general meetings and of the Sections appears in the SUPPLEMENT of this week. The President-elect, Mr. Butlin, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, will be inducted on Tuesday afternoon, July 26th, and will deliver his address on the evening of that day in the St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street.

### GOLFING.

*The Ulster Cup.*

It will be remembered that a cup was presented by the Ulster Branch last year, and is to be played for annually on the following conditions, as laid down by the Ulster Branch: "Bogey play under handicap, not exceeding 18; cup to become the property of the member of the Association winning it twice in succession, or three times in all; one round of 18 holes to be played on one day at the Annual Meeting, with no previous play." At Newcastle last year about eighty competitors played, and the cup was won by Dr. Shekleton, Holywood, co. Down. The cup is a copy of the famous "Ardagh" Cup, which is in the National Museum in Dublin, and whose history is known from the eleventh century.

Owing to the conditions of play, the golf subcommittee are this year compelled to insist that the numbers competing shall be limited to 200, and that all entries must be received by July 8th, in order that they may make arrangements to reduce the numbers to 200 if necessary.

All members who wish to enter for this prize are requested to send their names to Dr. F. J. Smith, 138, Harley Street, W., as soon as possible, and *in any case before July 8th, after which no entry can be received.*

The competition will take place on Friday, July 29th, on the excellent course of the Burhill Golf Club, which has most generously been placed at the disposal of the Association for this purpose by the directors. The club is near Walton-on-Thames station—easily reached from Waterloo.

*Annual Match.*

The usual annual match will take place on Wednesday afternoon, July 27th. It will be between the Metropolitan Counties Branch and the visitors, and it is hoped that at least twenty a side will take part. It will be played, by the kindness of the committee, on the well-known Northwood Links. All members who wish to play are asked to send their names at once to Mr. Percy Furnivall, 28, Weymouth Street, Portland Place, W., in order that the best selection available may be made. It is particularly requested that names should be sent in as early as possible, and each should be accompanied by the player's club and lowest handicap.

*Honorary Membership of Clubs.*

Up to the present the following clubs have invited members to use their links: Acton, Ashford Manor, Burnham Beeches, Bushey Hall, Burhill, Edgware, Eltham Warren, Fulwell, Hanger Hill, Home Park, Mid-Surrey, Neasden, Princes', Richmond, Romford, Sandy Lodge, Sunningdale, Totteridge, Tooting Bec, Walton Heath, Wembley, West Middlesex, Royal Wimbledon, and Worplesdon.

Arrangements will be made by which members wishing to play a round may leave their names and handicaps at the Reception Rooms not later than the day before, in order that matches may be arranged.

### BLACK-AND-WHITE EXHIBITION.

An effort is being made to get together for the Annual Meeting of the Association, and in connexion with the

Museum Committee, a collection of prints and black-and-white drawings having reference to the medical profession and medical men. Many such pictures have appeared in *Punch* and other illustrated papers, and no doubt there are many old prints in existence which would interest and amuse. Dr. Rice-Oxley, 5, Kensington Square, W., who has undertaken the work of arranging the collection, will be most grateful for the loan of drawings, prints, or cartoons, or for any suggestions towards the carrying out of the idea. Every possible care will be taken of loans. Any good original paintings respecting medical men or matters would be acceptable. As the time is somewhat short, Dr. Rice-Oxley will be glad of immediate response to this appeal.

MOTOR GARAGE.

It has been arranged with the Alveston Motor Garage, whose premises open out of Roland Gardens, South Kensington, London, S.W., to provide garage accommodation for members bringing their cars from the provinces. The charge will be 2s. a day, to include standing in a lock-up garage and use of electric light and water. Members desirous of availing themselves of this accommodation should make early application to the Alveston Motor Garage.

# British Medical Association.

## NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Council, that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Association will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Wednesday, the 29th day of June, 1910, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the subjoined Resolution, and, if thought fit, passing the same as an Extraordinary Resolution:**

"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to this Meeting, and for the purpose of identification initialled by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Regulations of the Association in substitution for all the existing Regulations of the Association."

**AND NOTICE is hereby also given by the Council, that if the above Resolution shall have been passed by the requisite majority at the above-mentioned Meeting, a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Association will be held at the Court of Common Council Chamber, Guildhall, London, on Friday, the 22nd day of July, 1910, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the first above-mentioned Meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the Resolution above set forth.**

**AND NOTICE is hereby also given by the Council, that the Regulations intended to be submitted to the first above-mentioned Meeting and to be referred to in the Resolution above set forth will be the proposed New Articles and By-laws which are printed on pages 290 to 301 (both inclusive) of the Supplement to "The British Medical Journal," dated May 28th, 1910, each of the proposed By-laws numbered 20, 41, and 56 being so submitted in such one of the alternative forms thereof (printed respectively on pages 295 and 296, 297 and 298 and 299 of the said Supplement) as shall have been approved by a Special Representative Meeting of the above-mentioned Association to be held in the Connaught Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 1910, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.**

**AND that a copy of the said Regulations may be seen at the Office of the Association at any time before the 29th day of June, 1910, during business hours.**

**Dated this 8th day of June, 1910.**

*BY ORDER,*

**GUY ELLISTON,**

*Financial Secretary and Business Manager.*

## SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Council will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Wednesday, June 29th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to receive the Resolutions of the Special Representative Meeting of June 28th, preparatory to their being submitted to the Extraordinary General Meeting of the British Medical Association, summoned for 11 o'clock in the forenoon at the same place on the 29th June.

## QUARTERLY MEETING OF COUNCIL.

WITH reference to the Quarterly Meeting of Council, summoned for 2 p.m., on Wednesday, the 29th day of June next, in order to economise time, the Chairman of Council requests that Members will assemble at 429, Strand, W.C., within twenty minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, so that the ordinary business of Council may be proceeded with without loss of time.

By Order,

GUY ELLISTON,

*Financial Secretary and Business Manager.*

429, Strand, W.C., June 14th, 1910.

## BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that the summer meeting proposed to be held in Weymouth, on Thursday, June 30th, has reluctantly been abandoned, by order of the President, owing to the date clashing with the dates on which the Special Representative Meeting, the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association, and the Council Meeting following, are to be held in London at the end of June.—JAMES DAVISON, Honorary Secretary, "Streateplace," Bournemouth, June 6th, 1910.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: WEST NORFOLK DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, June 30th, at 3.30 p.m., at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital. —J. L. FORREST, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORWOOD DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held at Fenstanton, Christchurch Road, Streatham, on Thursday, June 30th, at 4 p.m., Dr. T. D. Greenlees in the chair.—J. A. HOWARD, Honorary Secretary, Upper Norwood.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WALTHAMSTOW DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held, by the kind invitation of the Chairman, Dr. R. Jones, at Claybury Asylum, Woodford Bridge (nearest station, Woodford, G.E.R.), on Tuesday, July 5th, at 3.30 p.m. Agenda: (1) 3.30 p.m., Address by Dr. R. Jones, entitled, "What Constitutes Insanity?" (2) 4 p.m., Magic Lantern Demonstration in the Pathological Laboratory of the London County Council, by Dr. F. W. Mott, on Syphilis of the Nervous System. (3) 5 p.m., Tea at Dr. Jones's house. (4) Meeting of the Executive Committee.—A. POTTINGER ELDRED, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND BRANCH: BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Tuesday, June 28th, at the White Hart Hotel, Boston, at one o'clock. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Secretary's Report. (3) Election of Officers. (4) Programme for the year. (5) Matters referred to Divisions—(*a*) Special Class of Consultants. (*b*) Fees for Assisting Midwives, (*c*) Fees for Lectures to Red Cross Society. (6) Any other business. Luncheon will be provided at 2 p.m.; tickets, 3s. 6d. each (exclusive of wine). Members are requested to reply not later than June 25th if they intend to be present at the luncheon, as those accepting will be held responsible for the value of their tickets.—A. E. WILSON, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held on June 29th, at the Hotel, Lakeside, Windermere. The new President, J. W. Fawcitt, M.D. (Broughton-in-Furness), will deliver a presidential address. Members willing to show cases or specimens are requested to kindly communicate with A. S. BARLING, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Llangollen on Tuesday, July 12th. Members having papers to read, cases or specimens to show, are requested to notify the Honorary Secretary before the 30th inst.—H. JONES ROBERTS, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch, as also a meeting of the Branch Council and the loca Division, will be held at the Club House, Carlow, on Wednesday, July 6th, at 5.30 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Letters of apology. (3) Correspondence. (4) Any other business. (5) Tea.—J. QUIRKE, Honorary Secretary, Piltown.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held at The Cedars, Chepstow, on Thursday, July 7th, 1910.—R. J. COULTER, S. HAMILTON, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, June 30th, at 5.25 p.m., when an address will be delivered by the President-elect, J. A. Codd, M.D. Agenda: (1) Minutes of the last annual meeting. (2) Introduction of the new President. (3) Correspondence. (4) Address by the President. (5) Report of the Council. (6) The financial statement. (7) Election of officers for the ensuing year—President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. (8) To decide the place of holding the next annual meeting. Members have the privilege of introducing friends. Dinner at 7 p.m. Charge 5s. The first general meeting of the session will be held at Stoke on Thursday, November 24th. Members desiring to read papers are requested to communicate the titles to the General Secretary as soon as possible.—G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Honorary General Secretary.

EDINBURGH AND BORDER COUNTIES BRANCHES.

*Motor Meet.*

A JOINT meeting of the Edinburgh Branch and the Border Counties Branch will be held at Moffat on Friday, July 8th. Lunch will be served at the Hydropathic at 1.30 p.m., after which a discussion will be introduced by Dr. Veitch on Motor Cars for Medical Men. To enable the management of the Hydropathic, who have promised to provide lunch for those members taking part, to make the necessary arrangements, it is requested that members intending to be present will send their names to either of the secretaries. It is hoped that members who have spare seats will bring those members of the Branches who are not in possession of a car. Any member of the Association who may be motoring in Scotland at the time will be very welcome. A circular will be issued shortly with, it is hoped, the names of those who will take part in the discussion, and indicating the lines upon which a profitable discussion may run. Names may be sent to either of the secretaries, from whom any further information may be obtained,

MICHAEL DEWAR, Honorary Secretary,
Edinburgh Branch.
GEORGE R. LIVINGSTON, Honorary Secretary,
Border Counties Branch.

# Vital Statistics.

## HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-seven of the largest English towns 8,613 births and 3,591 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, June 18th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 12.7, 11.8, and 11.4 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined last week to 11.1 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 4.4 in Willesden, 4.9 in Southampton and in Grimsby, 5.8 in Handsworth (Staffs), and 6.2 in Reading, to 16.8 in Nottingham, 16.9 in Stockport, 17.0 in Merthyr Tydfil, 19.6 in Newport (Mon.), and 20.1 in Swansea. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.1 per 1,000; in London the rate was equal to 1.2 per 1,000, while among the seventy-six other large towns it ranged upwards to 2.6 in Newport (Mon.), 3.1 in Liverpool, 3.5 in Gateshead, and 3.9 in Merthyr Tydfil. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.2 in Bradford, 1.4 in Liverpool, 1.6 in Barrow-in-Furness and 2.0 in Merthyr Tydfil; whooping cough of 1.5 in Stockport and in Bootle, 2.0 in Gateshead, and 2.6 in Newport (Mon.); and diarrhoea of 1.2 in Gateshead. The mortality from scarlet fever, from diphtheria, or from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet fever cases under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital, which had been 1,445, 1,461 and 1,401 at the end of the three preceding weeks, declined to 1,363 at the end of the week under notice; 166 new cases were admitted during the week, against 174, 203 and 181 in the three preceding weeks.

## HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, June 18th, 920 births and 503 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 14.0, 14.3, and 14.2 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined to 13.9 last week, and was 2.8 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-seven large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 10.4 in Edinburgh and 12.4 in Aberdeen, to 20.5 in Dundee and 20.6 in Greenock. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.2 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Dundee and Paisley. The 229 deaths recorded in Glasgow included 5 which were referred to measles, 2 to scarlet fever, 5 to whooping-cough, and 6 to diarrhoea. Five deaths from measles were recorded in Dundee and 4 in Paisley.

## HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, June 18th, 702 births and 418 deaths were registered in the twenty-two principal urban districts of Ireland, as against 691 births and 393 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these districts, which had been 21.1, 18.0, and 17.8 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 18.9 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 7.8 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual death-rate in the seventy-seven English towns for the corresponding period. The figures in Dublin and Belfast were 17.1 and 24.9 respectively, those in other districts ranging from 6.6 in Queenstown and 6.9 in Armagh to 28.6 in Newtownards and 35.4 in Lurgan, while Cork stood at 15.1, Londonderry at 10.8, Limerick at 20.5, and Waterford at 15.6. The zymotic death-rate in the twenty-two districts averaged 3.1 per 1,000, as against 2.6 per 1,000 in the preceding week.

# Naval and Military Appointments.

## ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

STAFF SURGEON E. S. REID, M.B., has been placed on the retired list, May 25th. He was appointed Surgeon, November 10th, 1896, and promoted to be Staff Surgeon, November 10th, 1904.

Surgeons C. A. G. PHIPPS, S. S. H. SHANNON and R. L. JONES have been promoted to be Staff Surgeons, June 9th. Their first appointment bears date June 9th, 1902.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: Fleet Surgeon W. W. PRYN to the *President*, additional, for three months' hospital course, June 9th; Staff Surgeons J. G. WATT and N. J. ROCHE to the *King Alfred*, additional, June 13th; Staff Surgeon J. G. PEEBLES, M.B., to the *Natal*, June 15th; Surgeon J. J. H. ROONEY to Gibraltar Hospital, May 31st; Surgeon G. C. SPRAGUE to the *Vivid*, additional, for disposal, June 9th; Surgeon W. P. YETTS to Chatham Hospital, June 15th; Surgeon E. M. W. HEARN, M.D., to the *Victory*, additional, to be lent to the Physical Training School, July 11th, and to the *Victory*, additional, for the Physical Training School, July 11th; Surgeon S. H. VICKERY, M.B., to the *Vindictive*, June 11th; Surgeon J. L. BARFORD to the *Impregnable*, June 11th; Staff Surgeon H. C. WHITESIDE to the *Circe*, temporarily, June 7th; Fleet Surgeon P. H. BOYDEN, M.D., to the *Tamar*, additional, for Wei-hai-Wei Sick Quarters, July 2nd; Fleet Surgeon J. F. HALL, M.B., to the *Fisgard*, July 2nd; Staff Surgeon T. B. SHAW, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional, for temporary service at Haslar Hospital, June 15th; Surgeon C. G. SPRAGUE to the *Inflexible*, June 15th; Staff Surgeon A. K. LAVERTINE to the *Sutlej*, June 4th; Surgeon T. C. PATTERSON to the *Pembroke*, additional, lent to Chatham Hospital, temporarily, June 10th.

## ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. H. BURTCHAELL, M.B., to be Assistant Director-General, vice Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. IRWIN, M.B., whose tenure of that appointment has expired, June 7th.

Surgeon-General J. G. MACNEECE, on his arrival in Lucknow, will assume the duties of the Principal Medical Officer, 8th (Lucknow) Division. Colonel M. W. KERIN, on being relieved of the appointment, will rejoin his appointment as Principal Medical Officer, Bareilly and Garhwal Brigades.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. CURTIS retires on retired pay, June 4th. He entered the service as Surgeon, May 30th, 1885; became Surgeon-Major, July 31st, 1897; and Lieutenant-Colonel, May 30th, 1905.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. DAY, M.B., also retires on retired pay, June 4th. He was appointed Surgeon, May 30th, 1885; Surgeon-Major, May 30th, 1897; and Lieutenant-Colonel, May 30th, 1905. He served in the South African war in 1900–2, being present in operations in the Transvaal, Orange River Colony, and Cape Colony, and receiving the Queen's Medal with three clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

Colonel R. H. FIRTH, who is serving in India, is appointed Sanitary Officer, Army Head Quarters, India, from April 1st.

Captain R. J. CAHILL, M.B., Brigade Laboratory, Madras, is appointed Specialist in the Prevention of Disease, from March 21st.

Colonel S. C. B. ROBINSON, Principal Medical Officer, 5th (Mhow) Division, Indian Army, has leave of absence for four months.

Captain C. SCAIFE, M.D., Brigade Laboratory, Colaba, India, is appointed Specialist in the Prevention of Disease, from March 25th.

## INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. F. FEARNSIDE, I.M.S., whose promotion we recorded last week, served in the Chin Hills, Burma, in 1892–3, and received the medal with clasp.

## TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Cadet Colour-Sergeant THOMAS LINDSAY, from the Edinburgh University Contingent, Officers' Training Corps, to be Lieutenant (on probation), May 12th.

*First Highland Field Ambulance.*—The following officers to be Majors, April 1st, 1908: Captain A. OGSTON, M.B., and Captain T. FRASER, M.B.

*Second Highland Field Ambulance.*—Captain F. KELLY to be Major, April 1st, 1908.

*Third Highland Field Ambulance.*—Captain W. E. FOGGIE, M.B., to be Major, April 1st, 1908.

*First Scottish General Hospital.*—Major A. H. LISTER, M.B., from 2nd Highland Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, to be Major, whose services will be available on mobilization, December 1st, 1909. Major A. H. LISTER, M.B., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, May 22nd.

Major (Honorary Lieutenant in the Army) A. C. GEDDES, M.D., is posted for duty to the Royal College of Surgeons (Dublin) Contingent, Senior Division, Officers' Training Corps, April 25th.

*Highland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.*—Lieutenant-Colonel JOHN MACDONALD, M.B., reverts at his own request to the rank of Major, April 5th. He resigns his commission, retaining his rank and uniform, April 6th.

*Second East Lancashire Field Ambulance.*—Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. K. FAIRCLOUGH resigns his commission, retaining his rank and uniform, May 1st.

*For Attachment to Units other than Medical Units.*—JOHN TAIT to be Lieutenant, June 30th, 1909. WILLIAM J. HARRISON, M.B., to be Lieutenant, April 29th. CUTHBERT D. S. AGASSIZ, M.B., to be Lieutenant, April 30th. FRANCIS D. BLANDY, M.D., to be Lieutenant, May 3rd. Lieutenant J. A. GIBB, M.B., to be Captain, December 2nd, 1909. RICHARD V. FAVELL to be Lieutenant, April 15th, 1910.

*Attached to Units other than Medical Units.*—Lieutenant J. W. T. WALKER, M.B., to be Captain, April 1st, 1908. Lieutenant R. V. G.

MONCKTON, M.D., resigns his commission, May 9th, 1910. Captain C. W. CRAWSHAW, M.B., resigns his commission, April 30th.

### COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following changes in the Colonial Medical Service are notified by the Colonial Office:

WEST AFRICAN MEDICAL STAFF.—*Appointments:* J. A. BEAMISH, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.Irel., D.P.H.Lond., Gold Coast; C. W. S. BOGGS, L.S.A.Lond., Gold Coast; D. T. H. CROLY, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., Gold Coast; D. DUFF, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.Dub., Gold Coast; M. W. FRASER, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Gold Coast; G. H. GALLAGHER, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Irel., Southern Nigeria; S. GOODBRAND, M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Gold Coast; J. E. MOFFATT, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Irel., Gold Coast; R. MUGLISTON, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., Gold Coast; W. A. NICHOLSON, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.Dub., Sierra Leone; J. Y. WOOD, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Sierra Leone; *Promotions:* M. C BLAIR, M.D., C.M.Glasg., D.P.H.Irel., Senior Medical Officer, Northern Nigeria, to be Senior Sanitary Officer, Northern Nigeria; R. H. KENNAN, M.D., Ch.M.Dub., F.R.C.S.Irel., D.T.M.Liverpool, D.P.H.Irel., Senior Medical Officer, Sierra Leone, to be Senior Sanitary Officer for Sierra Leone and the Gambia; W. F. MACFARLANE, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., Medical Officer, Southern Nigeria, to be Senior Medical Officer, Southern Nigeria; C. E. S. WATSON, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Officer, Northern Nigeria, to be Senior Medical Officer, Northern Nigeria. *Transfer:* P. J. KELLY, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Medical Officer, Gold Coast, has been transferred to Hong Kong. *Retirement:* H. CARLAW, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., retires with gratuity. *Cancellation of Retirement:* The retirement of T. R. FRAZER TOOVEY, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., L.M., Medical Officer, Southern Nigeria, has been cancelled. *Death:* F. W. W. WHYTE, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Edin., L.F.P S.Glasg., Medical Officer, Gold Coast.

OTHER COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES.—P. HARPER, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., has been appointed Medical Officer in Fiji; W. R. W. JAMES, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glas., Medical Officer in Uganda, has been appointed a Medical Officer in Ngamiland, Bechuanaland Protectorate; J. C. MCPHERSON, M.B., B.Ch.Ireland, has been appointed a supernumerary Medical Officer in the Leeward Islands.

# Vacancies and Appointments.

## VACANCIES.

***This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.***

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Clapham Road, S.W.—(1) Dental Surgeon. (2) Two Clinical Assistants in special departments. Salary for (1) at the rate of £20 per annum, and (2) £100 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM CITY HOSPITAL.—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £250 per annum.

BRADFORD: ROYAL EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.—Lady Resident. Salary, £80.

CALCUTTA: LADY DUFFERIN VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—Lady Medical Superintendent. Salary, Rs. 550 a month.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.—Senior and Junior House-Surgeons. Salaries at the rate of £80 and £70 per annum respectively.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) House-Surgeon for Ophthalmic and Ear and Throat Departments. Honorarium, £30 for six months in each case.

CARDIFF: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.—Lecturer in Histology and Embryology. Salary, £200 per annum.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—(1) Honorary Aural Surgeon. (2) Junior House-Surgeon; salary, £80 per annum.

DONCASTER ROYAL INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £125 per annum.

EDINBURGH: ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Four Resident Medical Officers.

FRIMLEY: BROMPTON HOSPITAL SANATORIUM.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, rising to £200.

GLASGOW MATERNITY AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.—(1) Indoor House-Surgeon. (2) Two Outdoor House-Surgeons. (3) Outdoor House-Surgeon at the West-end Branch. Salary for (1) and (3) at the rate of £50 and £72 per annum respectively.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY AND EYE INSTITUTION.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: WEST HERTS HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

HIGHBURY HILL HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.—Female Practitioner for Inspection of Pupils. Salary, £50 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton.—Radiographer. Honorarium, 50 guineas per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) House-Physician. Salary, £30 for six months and £2 10s. washing allowance each.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum for six months' appointment and £80 for twelve months.

JARROW-ON-TYNE: PALMER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR ACCIDENTS.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

KIDDERMINSTER INFIRMARY AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.—Junior Demonstrator in Physiology. Stipend, £100 per annum, rising to £150.

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich Road, S.E.—(1) Honorary Surgeon. (2) Pathologist and Registrar; honorarium, £75 per annum.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EPILEPTICS.—Visiting Physician to the Chalfont Colony School. Salary, £50 per annum.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hartshill.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

ORKNEY: ISLAND OF SHAPINSAY.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum and fees.

REDHILL: EARLSWOOD ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum, rising to £150.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, Soho.—Honorary Assistant Anaesthetist.

ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION FOR IRELAND, Newcastle, co. Wicklow.—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL FOR CANCER, FISTULA, ETC., City Road, E.C.—Three Clinical Assistants.

SALFORD UNION INFIRMARY.—Male Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

SALISBURY INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Assistant House-Surgeon; (2) Assistant House-Physician. Salary, £50 per annum each.

SOUTHWARK UNION.—Assistant (male) Medical Officer at the Infirmary. Salary, £100 per annum.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £80 per annum.

STORTHES HALL ASYLUM, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield.—Locumtenent for two months. Salary, £3 3s. a week.

TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Assistant Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

WINCHESTER: ROYAL HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (male).

## APPOINTMENTS.

BROWN, A. J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer to the Kensington Parish Infirmary.

CUTCLIFFE, M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Newton Abbot Union.

FALCONER, A. W., M.D.Aberd., M.R.C.S.Lond., Anaesthetist to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, vice J. J. Y. Dalgarno, M.B., C.M.Aberd., deceased.

DAVIES, Trevor Berwyn, M.B., B.Sc., B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Obstetric Assistant at University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.

HARVEY, C. P., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Witney Union.

HIGGINS, W. R., M.B., B.C.Camb., District Medical Officer of the Louth Union.

ISAACS, D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Third Resident Assistant Medical Officer of the West Ham Union Infirmary.

JOHNSTON, John, M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Assistant Anaesthetist to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

PACKE, G. G., M.A., M.B.Cantab., L.D.S., Dental Surgeon to the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, London, S.E.

PIPER, F. P., M.B.Lond., Medical Officer of Health of the Whitstable Urban District.

RALPHS, F. G., M.B., Ch.B.Vict., District Medical Officer of the Ashton-under-Lyne Union.

STEADMAN, F. St. G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S.Eng., Honorary Assistant Dental Surgeon National Dental Hospital.

TURNER, William, M.S., F.R.C.S., Medical Officer of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company, vice William Rose, M.B., F.R.C.S., deceased.

WHITEHOUSE, W. H., M.D., D.P.H., B.S., Barrister-at-Law, Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Aston, and Medical Superintendent of the Fever and Small-pox Hospitals.

YEOMAN, J. B., M.D.Edin., Medical Officer of Health of the Neston and Parkgate Rural Districts.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

***The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.***

### BIRTHS.

BARRIS.—On Thursday, June 16th, at 4, Spanish Place Mansions, Manchester Square, W., to Dr. and Mrs. John Davis Barris, a daughter.

GRÜNBAUM.—On June 15th, to Dr. and Mrs. Grünbaum, at Vold House, Leeds, a son.

LAING.—On June 17th, at Husbands Bosworth, Rugby, the wife of G. D. Laing, M.D., of a daughter.

ROBERTS.—June 14th, at Llywenarth, Penygroes, to Dr. and Mrs. H. Jones Roberts—a son.

### DEATH.

BOYD.—On June 16th, at 134, Harley Street, W., Florence Nightingale Boyd, M.D., wife of Stanley Boyd, F.R.C.S.

## PUBLISHERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MESSRS. CASSELL AND COMPANY will issue very shortly new and enlarged editions of Dr. Herman's *Difficult Labour* and the *Manual of Chemistry* of Dr. Luff and Mr. Hugh Candy.

Messrs. Swan Sonnenschein and Co. will shortly publish an English translation of *Spiritism and Insanity*, by Dr. Marcel Viollet, of Paris. This book forms part of the Library of Experimental Psychology and Metapsychism, published under the direction of Dr. Raymond Marcel, of Paris, and has been translated by Mr. Dudley Wright, editor of the *Annals of Psychical Science*.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

### MONDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

ODONTOLOGICAL SECTION, 15, Cavendish Square, 8 p.m.—Discussion on Mr. Hopewell Smith's paper, Two Odontoceles and some other Cysts (deferred from the April meeting). Communications:—(1) Mr. A. S. Underwood: Some Egyptian Skulls. (2) Mr. G. Thomson: A Case showing the Result of Extraction of the six-year-old Molars. (3) Valedictory remarks by the President.

### TUESDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

MEDICAL SECTION, 15, Cavendish Square. 5.30 p.m.—Papers:—(1) Dr. George Oliver: A Combination of a Tactile and Auscultatory Methods of Reading the Systolic and Diastolic Blood Pressure. (2) Dr. William Ewart: Dorsal Percussion of the Thorax and of the Stomach; and a New Stomach Sign.

### POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road W.C.—Lectures: Tuesday, 3.45 p.m., Tracheoscopy, etc. Friday, 3.45 p.m., External and Middle Ear.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., Arterio-sclerosis with some Remarks upon Treatment.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Monday and Wednesday, 5.15 p.m., Infant Feeding and Food Diseases. Tuesday and Thursday, 5 p.m., General Surgical Diseases. Thursday, 4 p.m., Hernia in Infancy.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4 p.m., Monday, and noon, Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m., Thursday, and noon, Friday; Eye, 11 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday; Radiography, 4 p.m., Thursday. Special Lectures: Monday, 3.15 p.m., Gastric Haemorrhage. Thursday, 3.15 p.m., Stone in Kidney and Ureter.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following Clinical Demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Medical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows:—Monday: Disorders of Memory. Tuesday: The Practical Side of Vaccine Treatment. Wednesday: Diagnosis and Treatment of Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer. Thursday: Intussusception.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Clinical Lecture. Friday, 3.30 p.m., Cerebral Abscess.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Monday, Clinics, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient: Nose, Throat, and Ear. Tuesday, 10 a.m., Medical Out-patient Clinic; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Clinics: Surgical, Gynaecological; 3.30 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p.m., Lecture-Demonstration: Vaccine-Therapy. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient. Skin and Eye Clinics: *X* Rays; 4.30 p.m., Demonstration: Treatment of Naevus by Radium and Other Methods. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations; Clinics: Medical Out-patient; Surgical Out-patient; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p.m., Lecture: Pneumotherapy. Friday, 2.30 p.m., Operations; Clinics: Medical Out-patient, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Daily arrangements, Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2 p.m.; Operations, 2 p.m.; *X* rays, 2 p.m. Monday, Surgical Registrar, 10 a.m.; Pathological Demonstration, 12 noon; Eye, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Practical Medicine, 12.15 p.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.; Gynaecology, 2 p.m. Thursday, Surgical Registrar, 10 a.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.; Orthopaedics, 2 p.m. Friday, Medical Registrar, 10 a.m.; Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Saturday, Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Eye, 10 a.m. Clinical Lectures daily at 5 p.m.

# CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

| Date. | Meetings to be Held. |
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| **JUNE.** | |
| 27 MONDAY .. | |
| 28 TUESDAY .. | **Special Representative Meeting**, Connaught Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., 3 p.m., *and following days, if necessary.*<br>BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION, *Midland Branch*, Annual Meeting, White Hart Hotel, Boston, 1 p.m.; Luncheon, 2 p.m. |
| 29 WEDNESDAY | **London: Central Council**: SPECIAL MEETING, Connaught Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., 10 a.m.; QUARTERLY MEETING, Council Room, 429, Strand, W.C., 20 minutes after Extraordinary General Meeting.<br>**Extraordinary General Meeting**, Connaught Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., 11 a.m.<br>NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Hotel, Lakeside, Windermere. |
| 30 THURSDAY .. | NORWOOD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Fenstanton, Christchurch Road, Streatham, 4 p.m.<br>STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, 5.25 p.m.; Dinner, 7 p.m. |
| **JULY.** | |
| 1 FRIDAY .. | |
| 2 SATURDAY .. | |
| 3 Sunday .. | |
| 4 MONDAY .. | |
| 5 TUESDAY .. | WALTHAMSTOW DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Claybury Asylum, Woodford Bridge; Address, 3.30 p.m.; Lantern Demonstration, 4 p.m.; Tea, 5 p.m.; Executive Committee. |

| Date. | Meetings to be Held. |
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| 6 WEDNESDAY | |
| 7 THURSDAY .. | MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, The Cedars, Chepstow. |
| 8 FRIDAY .. | LONDON: Conference between Special Poor Law Reform Committee and the Contract Practice Subcommittee, 2 p.m.<br>BORDER COUNTIES AND EDINBURGH BRANCHES, Motor Meeting, Moffat. |
| 9 SATURDAY .. | |
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| 22 FRIDAY .. | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Court of Common Council Chamber, Guildhall, London, 10 a.m.<br>ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, immediately after Annual General Meeting. |
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